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Annual Report of the Town Officers and Committees of the

Town of West Bridgewater

for the Year Ending December 31, 2005

THE 2005 TOWN REPORT
IS DEDICATED
IN MEMORY OF

RAYMOND "MICKEY" SILVIA
Constable - Special Police Officer

MICHAEL MANUGIAN
Selectman

JOHN LEE, ESQUIRE
Town Counsel

This Town Report is also dedicated to all Town Employees and Volunteers, past and present, who continue to serve the Town of West Bridgewater with dedication and pride.

ANNUAL REPORT
Of the
TOWN OFFICERS
AND COMMITTEES
Of the Town of
WEST BRIDGEWATER
For the year ending
December 31, 2005

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Board of Selectmen

65 North Main Street
West Bridgewater,
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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen hereby submits its184th Annual Town Report.

The year 2005 saw many projects being undertaken by the Selectmen's office. Mr. Moreira was again re-elected to the Board of Selectmen. At the end of his term, he will have been a Selectman for 27 years. Mr. Moreira is a member of the Old Colony Planning Council, Board of Directors, which assists the Town is obtaining funding and bids for Town Projects, such as the South Street Bridge, traffic lights, etc. He is affectionately known about Town as "The People's Selectman" and for good reason. He has put his heart and soul into the Town, and obviously the residents agree, electing him time and time again.

Selectman Matthew Albanese, who was first elected to the Board in 2004, has dedicated much of his efforts on increasing local revenues to cover the town's fixed operating expenses. By focusing on commercial growth and long-term planning and development, Mr. Albanese anticipates a healthy outlook for our community in the years ahead. Mr. Albanese also serves on the Town's By Law Committee, Industrial Development Commission, and the newly formed Alternative Energy Committee. A staunch proponent of smart growth Mr. Albanese continues to advocate for affordable senior housing and increased aid for our public schools.

As Chairman, Victor Flaherty (who is in his last year as Selectman, not seeking re-election in Spring 2006), oversaw many, many capital projects, as Selectman and Chairman of the Municipal Building Needs Committee. The Town went out for Bids for Design and Engineering for School Roofs, Engineering for the Expansion of the Police Station, several vehicles for the Highway/Forestry Departments, to name a few. His daily watchful eye, over the Town buildings, monies and staff, will be sorely missed by all.

The Selectmen appointed Robert Roscoe of East Bridgewater to the Forestry Department; promoted Michael Winkler to Full-Time Patrolman on the Police Department, and appointed Robert Piepiora, Edward O'Brian, Russell Regan and Timothy Pope as Permanent/Intermittent Police Officers.

The Town saw the demise of the South Street Bridge, and fought fearlessly with the assistance of Old Colony Planning Council, State Senator Brian Joyce and Representative Christine Canavan, to put the reconstruction of this very busy Bridge, to the top of the list for projects the State needs to accomplish. This proved to be successful and hopefully, by the summer of 2006, a new and improved South Street Bridge, will be reconstructed.

In October, the Selectmen assisted in the evacuation due to flooding by heavy rains, of Beacon Mobile Home Park, having to put into operation the West Bridgewater Emergency Management Team. Along with many volunteers and donations from area businesses, the Residents were not severely inconvenienced.

The Selectmen, once again, wish to commend our Administrator, Beth Faricy. As our liaison to the community and the many employees, boards and commissions that serve the Town, she has the responsibility of getting our votes and messages out to meet the needs and wishes of this Board.

We wish also to thank our Confidential Secretary, Donna Larson and Assistant Confidential Secretary, Jacqueline Lee, for their hard work and dedication. They show compassion and helpfulness to all those who enter through our doors.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor R. Flaherty, Chairman
Matthew P. Albanese, Clerk
Eldon F. Moreira, Member

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Donna Larson, Confidential Secretary, dlarson@wbridgewater.com
Jacqueline Lee, Assistant Confidential Secretary, jlee@wbridgewater.com

REPORT OF THE TOWN COUNSEL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The following is a report of the nature and the status of the litigation in which the Town of West Bridgewater had been involved or is currently involved as of the date of this report:

Edward Medairos, Trustee of Beacon Park Realty Trust.
V.
Rent Control Board of the Town of West Bridgewater

This was an action brought by the plaintiff in the Plymouth County Superior Court appealing the decision of the Mobile Home Park Rent Control Board which granted a rent increase to the plaintiff as the owner of the Beacon Mobile Home Park. This action has been resolved.

Cumberland Farms, Inc.
V.
Town of West Bridgewater
Planning Board

This is an action brought in the Land Court appealing a decision of the Planning Board which denied an endorsement, pursuant to the provisions of the General Laws Chapter 41, Section 81P, of a perimeter plan submitted by the plaintiff as one which did not require approval under the subdivision control law. The Land Court ruled for the plaintiff, the Town appealed the judgment and the Appeals Court upheld the Land Court's decision.

Philip Tuck
V.
West Bridgewater Police Department

This is a complaint filed by Philip Tuck with the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination alleging that he was discriminated against by the Town's Police Department because of his age and his disability. This action is pending before the Commission.

Town of West Bridgewater
V.
Carlos J. Andrade, Alves Construction Corp.,
and Carlos Alves, d/b/a Alves Construction Co.

This is an action brought in the Superior Court by the Town which seeks to recover damages for the Town's ambulance which was destroyed in an accident involving the defendant. The accident resulted from the negligent operation of a motor vehicle by the defendants. This action is pending in Court.

B & W Motors, Inc.
V.
Board of Selectmen of the Town of West Bridgewater

This is a complaint brought in the Superior Court against the Town which seeks to remove the restrictions placed by the Town on its Class 2 license limiting the plaintiff to sixty-five (65) used car vehicles on the premises and regulating other aspects of the business. This action has been settled.

357 South Main Street, LLC,
V.
The Board Of Appeals Of The Town Of West Bridgewater

This is a complaint filed by the plaintiff in the Superior Court appealing the decision of the Board of Appeals which upheld the decision of the Inspector of Buildings in which he denied the granting of grandfather rights to the plaintiff for the operation of contractor's offices and storage yards at 48 Keenan Street, also known as 357 South Main Street. This action is still pending

Paul F. Stringham
V.
357 South Main Street, LLC

This is a complaint brought in the Superior Court by the Inspector of Buildings to obtain enforcement of the provisions of a zoning decision issued by the Board of Appeals to the defendant, 357 South Main Street, LLC on November 22, 2004. In such complaint the Inspector of Buildings sought a preliminary injunction enforcing and restraining the defendant

from operating a contractor's offices and storage yard on the property located at 357 South Main Street. This action is pending in Court.

Charles W. Johnson
V.
Conservation Commission and
Board of Selectmen

This is a complaint brought by the plaintiffs in the Plymouth County Superior Court appealing the decision of the Conservation Commission which denied them a variance from the Town's Wetlands Protection By-Law to permit the construction of an on-site sanitary disposal system at property located at 40 Clinton Road. The Conservation Commission has also filed a Complaint in the Plymouth Superior Court appealing the decision of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection which issued a Superseding Order of Conditions approving the proposed project. These actions are still pending in Court.

Paul Stringham
V.
Board Of Appeals of the Town of West
Bridgewater and JMT REALTY TRUST

This is a complaint brought in the Superior Court by the Inspector of Buildings appealing the alleged granting of a variance to the plaintiff by the Board of Appeals. This action is still pending in Court.

Extra Space of West Bridgewater, LLC
V.
Conservation Commission

This is an action brought by the plaintiff in the Plymouth Superior Court appealing the decision of the Conservation Commission denying the plaintiff's proposal for wetland replication to it's property. This action is still pending.

Paul F. Stringham
V.
The Board of Appeals of the Town of West Bridgewater and 64 & 74 Belmont Street

This is a complaint filed by the Building Inspector and the Planning Board in the Superior Court appealing the decision of the Zoning Board of Appeals to grant a variance from frontage requirements at 64 & 74 Belmont Street. This action is pending in Court.

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES
TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2005

REAL ESTATE

YEAR	6/30/2004 BALANCE	COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS	REFUNDS	TAX LIENS	FORECLOSURES DEFFERED	COLLECTIONS	6/30/2005 BALANCE
2004	$ 334,840.24	$ -	$ (8,348.35)	$ 8,312.58	$ (3,633.10)	$ -	$ (331,120.54)	$ 50.83
2005	$ (47,232.73)	$ 12,121,201.55	$ (71,654.24)	$ 19,738.32	$ (37,692.78)	$ (26,311.19)	$ (11,591,936.80)	$ 366,112.13
TOTALS	**$ 287,607.51**	**$ 12,121,201.55**	**$ (80,002.59)**	**$ 28,050.90**	**$ (41,325.88)**	**$ (26,311.19)**	**$ (11,923,057.34)**	**$ 366,162.96**

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

	6/30/2004 BALANCE	COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS	REFUNDS	COLLECTIONS	6/30/2005 BALANCE
2003	$ 15,158.15	$ 10,993.55	$ (8,364.31)	$ 489.52	$ (18,276.91)	$ -
2004	$ 28,089.64	$ 364,074.36	$ (18,815.82)	$ 7,300.67	$ (365,060.99)	$ 15,587.86
2005		$ 706,920.00	$ (16,651.64)	$ 17,681.36	$ (657,160.04)	$ 50,789.68
TOTALS	**$ 43,247.79**	**$ 1,081,987.91**	**$ (43,831.77)**	**$ 25,471.55**	**$ (1,040,497.94)**	**$ 66,377.54**

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

YEAR	06/30/04 BALANCE	COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS	REFUNDS	ADJUSTMENTS	COLLECTIONS	06/30/05 BALANCE
1997	$ 884.16					$ -	$ 884.16
1998	$ 247.50					$ -	$ 247.50
1999	$ 247.32					$ -	$ 247.32
2000	$ 365.78					$ -	$ 365.78
2001	$ 397.38					$ -	$ 397.38
2002	$ 1,670.51		$ (62.70)			$ (647.86)	$ 959.95
2003	$ 2,380.63		$ (1,034.91)	$ 5.06		$ (934.71)	$ 416.07
2004	$ 32,911.08	$ -	$ (7,416.20)	$ 764.54	$ -	$ (13,247.27)	$ 13,012.15
2005	$ (914.38)	$ 449,433.90	$ (4,815.92)	$ 16,432.06		$ (430,483.61)	$ 29,652.05
TOTALS	$ 38,189.98	$ 449,433.90	$ (13,329.73)	$ 17,201.66	$ -	$ (445,313.45)	$ 46,182.36

WATER USE CHARGES

YEAR	06/30/04 BALANCE	COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS	WATER LIENS	COLLECTIONS	06/30/05 BALANCE
2001	$ (10,872.05)					$ -	$ (10,872.05)
2002	$ (4,017.30)					$ -	$ (4,017.30)
2003	$ 11,844.92	$ -	$ -			$ (10,469.76)	$ 1,375.16
2004	$ 120,241.26	$ -	$ (4,975.60)			$ (102,847.38)	$ 12,418.28
2005		$ 957,938.36	$ (22,034.11)			$ (814,932.30)	$ 120,971.95
TOTALS	$ 117,196.83	$ 957,938.36	$ (27,009.71)	$ -	$ -	$ (928,249.44)	$ 119,876.04

WATER LIENS RECEIVABLES	06/30/04 BALANCE	COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS	TAX LIENS	ADJUSTMENTS	COLLECTIONS	06/30/05 BALANCE
2004	$ 3,378.96					$ (3,378.96)	$ -
2005	$ -	$ 48,823.79				$ (47,674.93)	$ 1,148.86
TOTALS	$ 3,378.96	$ 48,823.79	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ (51,053.89)	$ 1,148.86
TIE INS	$ (22,466.00)	$ 75,950.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ (92,300.00)	$ (38,816.00)

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

TRUST FUNDS	BALANCE AS OF 06/30/04	INTEREST EARNED	DEPOSITS	FUNDS EXPENDED	BALANCE AS OF 06/30/2005
CEMETERIES					
PINE HILL	$ 6,079.66	$ 245.94			$ 6,325.60
TOWN CEMETERIES	$ 17,303.99	$ 369.64			$ 17,679.63
LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS					$ -
#1	$ 15,344.55	$ 268.95			$ 15,613.50
#2	$ 8,119.86	$ 177.43		$ (23.98)	$ 8,273.31
#3	$ 21,241.57	$ 420.06		$ (2,059.52)	$ 19,602.11
#4	$ 20,390.85	$ 442.64			$ 20,833.49
GLADYS COLE LIBRARY FUND	$ 12,545.85	$ 279.31			$ 12,825.16
CURTIS MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND	$ 5,078.96	$ 114.12			$ 5,193.08
W.J. & A.C. HOWARD SCHOLARSHIP FUND	$ 5,129.51	$ 164.87		$ (250.00)	$ 5,044.38
FRIENDSHIP PARK GAZEBO	$ 2,001.72	$ 43.46			$ 2,045.18
STABILIZATION FUND	$ 306,233.39	$ 3,457.55		$(150,000.00)	$ 159,690.94
					$ -
STUDENT ACTIVITIES	$ 51,495.59	$ 504.91	$ 156,903.20	$(143,201.54)	$ 65,702.16
TOTALS	**$ 470,965.50**	**$ 6,488.88**	**$ 156,903.20**	**$(295,535.04)**	**$ 338,828.54**

INTEREST AND CHARGES COLLECTED

REAL ESTATE & MOTOR VEHICLE	$	127,476.53
TITLE V	$	3,242.39
TOTALS	$	130,718.92

On June 29th, 2005 the Town borrowed $245,000 to purchase new vehicles for the Forestry and Highway Departments and to finance the remaining debt on the town ambulance.
The interest rate on this short-term borrowing was 3.39 %.
I would like to thank the following employees for their dedication to their job; Assistant Treaser Janet Merritt, support staff Maureen Adams and Janice Golder. Their expertise and dedication to excellent customer support is truly appreciated by myself, their co-workers and the citizens of West Bridgewater.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
JOHN G. DUGGAN
Treasurer/Collector

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER
2005 STATISTICS

REGISTERED VOTERS

PRECINCT ONE

Democrat	480
Green-Rainbow	1
Interdependent 3rd Party	0
Libertarian	23
Reform	2
Republican	482
Socialist	1
Timesizing Not Downsizing	1
Unenrolled	1208
TOTAL	2198

PRECINCT TWO

Democrat	545
Green-Rainbow	1
Interdependent 3rd Party	1
Libertarian	8
Reform	0
Republican	399
Socialist	0
Timesizing Not Downsizing	0
Unenrolled	1150
TOTAL	2104

TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS – 4302

TOTAL POPULATION
6642
RESIDENCE STATISTICS
2402– Housing Units
259 – Vacant

2006– ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
April 8, 2006
9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
2006– ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
June 12, 2006
2006-STATE PRIMARY ELECTION
September 19, 2006
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
2006-STATE ELECTION
November 7, 2006
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT – 10TH PLYMOUTH DIST.
Christine E. Canavan

SENATORS IN CONGRESS
Edward M. Kennedy
John F. Kerry

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
Stephen F. Lynch

COUNCILLOR – 2ND DISTRICT
Kelly A. Timilty

STATE SENATOR
Brian A. Joyce

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER
ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS
2005

	Term Elected	Expires
MODERATOR		
S. Erick Benson	2003	2006
TOWN CLERK		
Nancy L. Morrison	2003	2006
SELECTMEN		
Victor R. Flaherty	2003	2006
Matthew P. Albanese	2004	2007
Eldon F. Moreira	2005	2008
ASSESSORS		
Cheryl A. Smith	2003	2006
Gerald Stetson	2004	2007
Robert W. Lundin	2005	2008
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY		
Robert Sullivan	2003	2006
Joan Sheedy	2003	2006
James Benson (Resigned)	2004	2007
Brian H. Lanner	2004	2007
Richard P. Adams	2005	2008
George Hardiman	2005	2008
SCHOOL COMMITTEE		
Annie G. Iannitelli	2004	2006
Kathleen Grant	2003	2006
Nancy Maloney	2004	2007
William McCole	2004	2007
James M. Holden	2005	2008
WATER COMMISSIONERS		
Donald G. Asack	2003	2006
David L. Churchill	2004	2007
John W. Noyes	2005	2008
TREE WARDEN		
Christopher D. Iannitelli	2003	2006

CONSTABLES

Bruce Holmlquist	2005	2006
Raymond L. Silva (Deceased)	2004	2007
Walter Thayer	2004	2007

BOARD OF HEALTH

John F. Cruz	2005	2006
Howard W. Hayward	2004	2007
Jerry D. Lawrence	2005	2008

PLANNING BOARD

Hugh Hurley	2001	2006
Gerald Stetson	2002	2007
Grete Bohannon	2003	2008
Anthony Kinahan	2004	2009
Howard Anderson	2005	2010

HOUSING AUTHORITY
7 Esther Dr

Marion L. Leonard	2001	2006
Raymund Rogers	2003	2008
Nancy L. Morrison	2003	2008
Richard J. Freitas	2004	2009
John F. Cruz	2005	2010

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN

ADMINISTRATOR
Elizabeth D. Faricy

ADMINISTRATOR OF INSURANCE
Elizabeth D. Faricy, Administrator
Vacancy

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS
Jeni Mather
George Mather

BOARD OF APPEALS

John DeCosta, Jr.	2002	2007
Armen Amerigian	2003	2008
Lars (Gary) Eliasson (Resigned)	2003	2008
Noreen D'Andrea	2004	2009
Leonard T. Hunt	2003	2008
James Henderson	2005	2010
William Lucini	2005	2010

Alternate Members:
Vacancy
Vacancy

BAY CIRCUIT GREEN BELT COMMITTEE

Conservation Commission

Historical Commission

BROCKTON AREA MENTAL HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE

Vacant

BROCKTON AREA RETARDATION REPRESENTATIVE

Vacant

BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Matthew Albanese

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Paul Stringham

BYLAW COMMITTEE

Grete Bohannon
Richard Krugger
Tom Kennedy
Peter Moroni
David Lacy
Wade Estabrooks
Matthew Albanese
William Lucini

ASSISTANT BUILDING INSPECTOR

Vacancy

CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Michael D. Feresten	2003	2006
Paul Watson	2004	2006
Richard Domingos	2003	2006
Donald Miller	2004	2008
Peter Turner	2005	2008
Vacancy	2004	2008

CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

Elizabeth D. Faricy

COMPUTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

John Duggan
Paul Golder
Raymund Rogers
Joyce Francis
Richard Krugger
Ed Sarro
Elizabeth Faricy
Donna Larson
Beth-Roll Smith

CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY
Donna Larson

ASSISTANT CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY
Jacqueline Lee

CONSERVATION AGENT
Richard Vacca

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Joseph Souza	2003	2006
Howard W. Hayward	2004	2007
Richard Palin	2005	2008
Winfield R. Weatherby	2005	2008
Lee Anderson	2005	2008

COUNCIL ON AGING

Virginia Nolan	2003	2006
Ruth Emberg Johnson	2003	2006
Anna Brown	2003	2006
Virginia Michael	2003	2006
Barbara Cohen	2003	2006
Frank Nelson, Jr.	2004	2007
Bruce Holmquist	2004	2007
Arthur Loughman, Jr.	2004	2007
James McGuigan	2005	2008

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Linda Kurinskas	2004	2007
Lorraine Mardo	2004	2007
Carolyn Ritucci	2005	2008
Joanne Correia	2005	2008
Joan McAndrew	2005	2008

DRURY BELL COMMITTEE
Matthew Albanese — Eldon F. Moreira — Victor R. Flaherty

ELDER SERVICES DIRECTOR
Mary Harrington Graf

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICER
Leonard T. Hunt

ASSISTANT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICER
Ronald P. Snell

FENCE VIEWERS
Joseph Souza — Harold Hallberg — Hugh Hurley

FIELD DRIVERS

George Richardson | Howard A. Anderson | Vacant

FINANCE COMMITTEE – BOARD OF SELECTMEN LIAISON

Elizabeth D. Faricy

FIRE CHIEF

Leonard T. Hunt

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Leonard T. Hunt

HANDICAPPED ACCESS COMMITTEE

Virginia T. Michael | Ryan Kincade | Leonard Hunt

HAZARDOUS WASTE COORDINATOR

Leonard T. Hunt

HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Raymund Rogers	Phyllis Bickford	Paul Golder
Vacancy	Vacancy	Vacancy

HERITAGE CAPSULE CUSTODIAN

Vacancy		2006
Vacancy		2006
Joan McAndrew	2004	2007

HERRING WARDEN

Vacancy | Donald E. Jenness, Sr., Deputy | Joseph Souza, Deputy

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Ann Marie Sheedy	2003	2006
Christopher Werner, Ex-Officio	2003	2006
Robert Bevis	2003	2006
Thomas Estey	2003	2006
Francine Sheedy	2004	2007
John Newell	2004	2007
Ann Harrington	2005	2008
Katharine Turner	2005	2008

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Matthew Albanese	2004	2007
Thomas Hoisington	2004	2007
Richard A. Toczko	2004	2009
Robert DeMarino	2003	2008
Vacancy	2004	2009
Advisory Committee:		
Vacancy		2005
Vanancy		2005

LOCKUP KEEPER

Bruce Holmquist

MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE

SUB- COMMITTEES

CENTER OF TOWN - MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION - HOUSING – WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Mary Adams – Maureen Adams – Donna Ames – John Ames – Mark Anderson – Victoria Benea – Mark Bettencourt – Kenneth Bjorklund – Grete Bohannon – Gail & John Burnham – Elizabeth & Philip Calef – David Churchill – John Dantono – Linda Davidson – John DeCosta, Jr. – Emidio DiVirgilio – Lars (Gary) Elliason – Alan & Deborah Gorham – Leonard & Mary Graf – Thomas Green – James Grimmett – Fred Hartblay –Howard Hayward – John Hebshie – Bruce Holmquist – Wilfred Howard – Jack Hughes – Leonard Hunt – Mitchell Hunt – Hugh Hurley – Alexander Iannitelli – Christopher Iannitelli – Gary Keith Richard Krugger – David Lacy – Wayne Legge – William Lucini – Jac MacDonald – Robert Massey – Stephen McCarthy – Ruth Miles – Peter Moroni – Marguerite Morse – Hilary & Paul Murray – Jacqueline Neely – James Noyes – Beth Robinson – Jon Sharkey – Francine Sheedy – Joan & Paul Sheedy – Robert Smith – Glen Turner – Katharine Turner – Warren Turner – William Turner – Christopher & Christine VanGorder -- David Wells – Daniel West – Mary Jane White-John Wilson – Edward Zamaitis.

MEMORIAL FIELD COMMITTEE

Robert Splitz	Michael Feresten	Vacancy

MEMORIAL AND VETERANS DAY COMMITTEE

Bruce Holmquist	Nancy L. Morrison	Richard McMahon
Eldon Moreira	Arthur M. Loughman, Jr.	Robert Kominsky

MOBILE HOME RENT CONTROL BOARD

Barbara Roulstone	2004	2007
Christopher Boujoukos...(Resigned)	2004	2007
Richard J. Freitas	2005	2007
Craig Spence	2004	2007
Michele Kinahan	2005	2008
Craig Harding	2005	2008

MUNICIPAL BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE

James Enos	2003	2006
Beth Roll Smith	2003	2006
Al Martelli	2004	2007
Marco J. Barrile	2004	2007
John Bottini	2004	2007
Richard Freitas	2004	2007
Matthew Albanese	2005	2007
Jerry Lawrence	2004	2007
Victor Flaherty	2005	2008
Arthur Cabral	2005	2008

MASS. BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
Scott Weatherbee

O.C.P.C. AREA AGENCY ON AGING
Mary Harrington Graf, Alternate Delegate

OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL
Eldon F. Moreira, Delegate..... 2004 2007

OLD COLONY ELDER SERVICES, INC.
Virginia Michael, Delegate
Virginia Nolan, Alternate

OLD COLONY JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Thomas Green, Highway Superintendent, Delegate Matthew Albanese, Alternate

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Howard W. Hayward	Beth Roll Smith
Jac MacDonald	Jody Driscoll
Beth Miltner	Vacancy
Mary Dugan Watson	Vacancy
Walter Healy	Vacancy
Victoria Benea	Vacancy
Christopher Iannitelli	Vacancy

PARKING CLERK
Matthew P. Albanese

PEST CONTROL SUPERINTENDENT
Christopher Iannitelli..... 2001 2007

PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR
Joseph E. Donovan

ASSISTANT PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR
Edward Cruz

POLICE CHIEF
Donald Clark

PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL DESIGNEE
Eldon F. Moreira

RECYCLING COMMITTEE
John S. Newell, III
Vacancies

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Francis J. Boyd	2003	2006
Nancy L. Morrison	2003	2006
Jerry D. Lawrence	2004	2007
Janet Merritt	2005	2008

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURERS

Herbert A. Wolfer

SENIOR SITE BUILDING COMMITTEE

Frank W. Nelson
Eldon F. Moreira
Matthew P. Albanese
Mary H Graf
Bruce Holmquist
Albert Salvador
Richard Freitas
Hugh Hurley
Leonard Hunt

SERVICE MEMBER RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

Robert W. Kominsky
Arthur M. Loughman, Jr.
Armen Amerigian
Kevin Conway
Richard McMahon

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Robert Piepiora
William L. Ferretti
Christopher Snell, Jr.
W. Kevin Johnson
Robert Smith
Robert Kominsky
William Stoddard
Ann M. Savignano
Walter Thayer
Timothy Pope
Russell Regan III
Donald Jenness-Herring
Warden

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Thomas C. Green

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING REVIEW BOARD (TIF)

Matthew Albanese
Elizabeth Faricy
Cheryl Smith
John Duggan
Richrd Toczko

TENNIS COURT COMMITTEE

Marianne Lorray
Kevin Kelley
Vacancy

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Anitra Muhammad

TOWN COUNCIL

John P. Lee, Esq.

TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

Vacancy
Christopher Iannitelli
Keith Hahl
Vacancy

TOWN PARK COMMITTEE

Vacancy
Christopher Iannitelli
Marian MacDonald
Jerry Lawrence
Christopher Werner
Jac MacDonald

TOWN RIVER STUDY COMMITTEE

Christopher Iannitelli
Christopher Cross
Susan Cross
Jac MacDonald

TOWN WEIGHER

Officer Michael Cummings

TREASURER/COLLECTOR

John G. Duggan

VEHICLE MAINTNENANCE SUPERINTENDENT

Leonard Graf III

VETERANS AGENT

Armen Amerigian

WAR MEMORIAL PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Barry Meltzer
Christopher Iannitelli
Jac MacDonald
Francine Sheedy
Howard Hayward
Charles Johnson
Eldon Moreira
Katharine Turner
Marlene Howell
Jerry D. Lawrence
Gregory Sheedy
Vacancy

WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Victoria Bena
Marguerite Morse
Jack Hughes
Richard Krugger
Thomas Green
Daniel West
Katharine Turner
Emidio DiVirgili (exofficio)
Howard Hayward
Francine Sheedy

WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL

Richard Krugger, Jr.

WIRING INSPECTOR

Kevin S. Greiner

ASSISTANT WIRING INSPECTOR

Albert K. Greiner

WEST BRIDGEWATER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

Leonard T. Hunt, Director
Donald Clark, Deputy
Bruce Holmquist, Deputy
Ronald Snell, Deputy

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MODERATOR

COMMITTEE TO APPOINT A FINANCE COMMITTEE

Joanna Savage
Paul Sheedy
Marion Loughman
Henry Bishop

STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

Raymond L. Silva		Robert L. Kellie
Vacancy	Vacancy	Vacancy

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Scott Weatherbee (Resigned)	2002	2005
Wade Estabrooks	2003	2006
J. Edward Carchidi, DDS	2003	2006
Sandra White	2003	2006
James C. Lang II	2004	2007
Joseph Ritucci	2004	2007
Richard Heath	2004	2007
Pamela Humphreys	2005	2008
Robert L. Smith	2005	2008

MODERATORS COMMITTEE FOR SCHOOL RESTORATION

William Pope	John F. Bottini, Jr.	Sonja Bolmant
Richard Freitas	Warren Sederberg	David Gill
Jeffrey Russell	Thomas Kilpatrick	Victor Flaherty

APPOINTMENTS BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Lee Anderson Howard A. Anderson

BOARD OF HEALTH PHYSICIAN

Dr. Brian Blanchette

BURIAL AGENTS

Marie Eccles	Nancy L. Morrison	Bruce Holmquist

APPOINTMENTS BY THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

Richard W. Gibson

DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS

Paul R. Lanoue	Paul Golder	Allen A. Breer
Michael D. St.George	James J. Rocha	Gerald E. Stetson
Richard W. Gibson	C. Douglas Hill	Kenneth J. May
John A. Bartorelli	David L. Niklason	William R. Choate

LICENSE AND PERMIT FEES

The following monies were received in the Town Clerks office and paid to the treasurer:

Building, Plumbing, Gas & Electric permits	$146,711.00
Transfer Station	57,314.00
Fish and Game Fees	472.00
Dog Licenses and fines	6,155.00
Non-criminal Fines	3,680.00
Passport processing fees	5,670.00
Misc. receipts	5,778.00
	$225,780.00
Fish and Wildlife licenses payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.	$ 5,795.00
Total	$231,575.00

FOR THE PROTECTION OF PRIVACY OF WEST BRIDGEWATER RESIDENTS, THE NAMES AND DATES OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES WILL NO LONGER BE INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT.

The total number of births recorded in 2005 was	72
The total number of marriages recorded in 2005 was	37
The total number of deaths recorded in 2005 was	153

Certified copies of vital records are available upon request at the usual fee.
Please call the Town Clerk's Office (508) 894-1200 for further information.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy L. Morrison, Town Clerk

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
APRIL 9, 2005

The Annual Town Election was held at the Spring Street School on Saturday, April 9, 2005. Constable Raymond L. Silva, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws and the by-laws of the town, posted the Warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen, on March 18, 2005.

Specimen ballots, cards of instruction and abstracts of the laws imposing penalties upon voters were posted as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The polls were opened at 9:00 a.m., as required by the by-laws of the town. The voting machines in both precincts were inspected and a zero total was printed out. A total of 2400 ballots were given to the wardens, Warren Turner and Marilyn Raleigh.

At the close of the polls at 8:00 p.m., the voting machines showed a total of 1,051 votes had been cast.

The following were sworn in as election officials:

Precinct 1. Marilyn Raleigh, Warden; Natalie Beaulieu, Clerk; Beverly Reynolds, Marion Loughman, Barbara Roulstone, Joan McAndrew, Checkers; Pam Humphreys, Tally.

Precinct 2. Warren Turner, Warden; Donald MacDonald, Clerk; Janet Beaulieu, Virginia Nolan, Lois Flaherty, Pauline Peterson, Checkers; Kevin Kelley, Tally.

Emily Fitts and Melissa Zajdel assisted with setting up and taking down the election equipment.

The election proceeded as follows:

SELECTMEN	Vote for One	# of Votes
Three Years		
Eldon F. Moreira	30 Grant St	708
Cheryl A. Smith	5 Apple Ln	326
Write-In		3
Blanks		14

Eldon F. Moreira declared elected

BOARD OF ASSESSORS	Vote for One	
Three Years		
Robert W. Lundin	29 Timothy Dr	699
Write-In		4
Blanks		348

Robert W. Lundin declared elected

SCHOOL COMMITTEE	Vote for One	
Three Years		
James M. Holden	70 Roosevelt Ave	514
Brian A. Read	32 Prospect St	438
Write-In		2
Blanks		97

James M. Holden declared elected

BOARD OF HEALTH	Vote for One	
One Year		
John F. Cruz	123 N. Elm St	753
Write-In		3
Blanks		295

John F. Cruz declared elected

BOARD OF HEALTH	Vote for One	
Three Years		
Jerry D. Lawrence	62 Progressive Ave	721
Write-In		5
Blanks		325

Jerry D. Lawrence declared elected

PLANNING BOARD	Vote for One	
Five Years		
Howard Anderson	320 River St	752
Write-In		1
Blanks		298

Howard Anderson declared elected

LIBRARY TRUSTEE	Vote for Two	
Three Years		
Richard P. Adams-Write-In	10 Cornerstone Ln	136
George G Hardiman-Write-In	342 S Main St	33
Karen E. Wilbur-Write-In	3 Purchase St	5
Scattered		47
Blanks		1881

Richard P. Adams and George G. Hardiman
declared elected

WATER COMMISSIONER	Vote for One	
Three Years		
John W. Noyes	455 Spring St	742
Write-In		2
Blanks		307

John W. Noyes declared elected

HOUSING AUTHORITY	Vote for One	
Five Years		
John F. Cruz	123 N. Elm St	712
Write-In		5
Blanks		334

John F. Cruz declared elected

A true copy, Attest: Nancy L. Morrison, Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 23, 2005 – 7:00 PM
WEST BRIDGEWATER HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

A meeting of which the inhabitants of the town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs were notified by warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen and posted by constable Raymond E. Silva, on May 9, 2005.

Moderator S. Erick Benson called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m. With 226 qualified voters and 13 guests, the meeting proceeded as follows:

Article 1: To see if the town will vote to grant the Board of Selectmen the authority to obtain whatever parcels or easements are necessary as related to the Reconstruction of Manley Street from Route 106 to the Brockton town line or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN GRANT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN THE AUTHORITY TO OBTAIN WHATEVER PARCELS OR EASEMENTS ARE NECESSARY AS RELATED TO THE RECONSTRUCTION OF MANLEY STREET FROM ROUTE 106 TO THE BROCKTON TOWN LINE.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 2: Easement No. 1 - AFPW Company

To see if the Town will vote to accept the perpetual right and easement granted to the Town of West Bridgewater as dated on the easement, by David T. Wong, Joyce L. Wong, Ann S. Wong, Wendy S. Wong, Fred J. Wong and Peter J. Wong, co-partners, doing business under the firm name and style of AFPW Company, having a usual place of business in Brockton, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, for consideration of one ($1.00) dollar, said easement being granted for the purpose of allowing the Town to discharge drainage upon a certain parcel of land, belonging to the Grantors, situated on the easterly line of Manley Street and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the easterly apparent right-of-way line of Manley Street at the northwesterly corner of the herein described easement, said point being 27.40' right of baseline station 21+23.67,

Thence: in an easterly direction bordering northerly by land now or formerly of AFPW Corporation for a distance of 25.00' to a point,

Thence: in a southerly direction bordering easterly by land now or formerly of AFPW Corporation for a distance of 60.00' to a point,

Thence: in a westerly direction bordering southerly by land now or formerly of AFPW Corporation for a distance of 25.00' to a point,

Thence: in a northerly direction along the apparent right-of-way line of Manley Street for a distance of 60.00' to the point and place of beginning.

Containing an area of 1500 square feet, more or less, and being shown as 'Drainage Easement 1' on a plan entitled, "PLAN OF EASEMENTS MANLEY STREET, WEST BRIDGEWATER, MA PREPARED FOR GUERTIN ELKERTON & ASSOC., INC.," scale: 1"=40' dated: 12/23/2003 prepared by CO-OPERATIVE Land Surveyors, LLC, to be recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PERPETUAL RIGHT AND EASEMENT GRANTED TO THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER BY AFPW COMPANY ON THE TERMS SET FORTH ON THE EASEMENT AND AS DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 2.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 3: Easement No. 2 - The Berwick Boys Foundation

To see if the Town will vote to accept the perpetual right and easement granted to the Town of West Bridgewater by The Berwick Boys Foundation, a Massachusetts non-profit corporation, having its usual place of business in Brockton, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, dated April 15, 2005, for consideration of one dollar ($1.00), said easement being granted for the purpose of allowing the Town to discharge drainage upon a certain parcel of land, belonging to the Grantors, situated on the northerly line of Manley Street and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the northeasterly apparent right-of-way line of Manley Street at the westerly corner of the herein described easement, said point being 22.37' right of baseline station 43+94.02,

Thence: in an northeasterly direction bordering northerly by land now or formerly of Berwick Boys Foundation for a distance of 22.00' to a point,

Thence: in a southeasterly direction bordering northeasterly by land now or formerly of Berwick Boys Foundation for a distance of 20.00' to a point,

Thence: in a southwesterly direction bordering southerly by land now or formerly of Berwick Boys Foundation for a distance of 22.00' to a point in said right-of-way line,

Thence: in a northwesterly direction along the apparent right-of-way line of Manley Street for a distance of 20.00' to the point and place of beginning.

Containing an area of 440 square feet, more or less, and being shown as 'Drainage Easement 2' on a plan entitled, "PLAN OF EASEMENTS MANLEY STREET, WEST BRIDGEWATER, MA PREPARED FOR GUERTIN ELKERTON & ASSOC., INC.," scale: 1"=40' dated: 12/23/2003 prepared by CO-OPERATIVE Land Surveyors, LLC to be recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PERPETUAL RIGHT AND EASEMENT GRANTED TO THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER BY THE BERWICK BOYS FOUNDATION ON THE TERMS SET FORTH ON THE EASEMENT AND AS DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 3.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 4: Easement No. 3 - The Berwick Boys Foundation

To see if the Town will vote to accept the perpetual right and easement granted to the Town of West Bridgewater by The Berwick Boys Foundation, a Massachusetts non-profit corporation, having a usual place of business in Brockton, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, dated April 15, 2005, for consideration of one dollar ($1.00) said easement being granted for the purpose of allowing the Town to discharge drainage upon a certain parcel of land, belonging to the Grantors, situated on the northeasterly line of Manley Street and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the northeasterly apparent right-of-way line of Manley Street at the westerly corner of the herein described easement, said point being 22.37' right of baseline station 48+25.27,

Thence: in a northeasterly direction bordering northerly by land now or formerly of Berwick Boys Foundation for a distance of 20.00' to a point,

Thence: in a southeasterly direction bordering northeasterly by land now or formerly of Berwick Boys Foundation for a distance of 20.00' to a point,

Thence: in a southwesterly direction bordering southerly by land now or formerly of Berwick Boys Foundation for a distance of 20.00' to a point in said right-of-way line,

Thence: in a northwesterly direction along the apparent right-of-way line of Manley Street for a distance of 20.00' to the point and place of beginning.

Containing an area of 400 square feet, more or less, and being shown as 'Drainage Easement 3' on a plan entitled, "PLAN OF EASEMENTS MANLEY STREET, WEST BRIDGEWATER, MA PREPARED FOR GUERTIN ELKERTON & ASSOC., INC.," scale: 1"=40' dated: 12/23/2003 prepared by CO-OPERATIVE Land Surveyors, LLC to be recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PERPETUAL RIGHT AND EASEMENT GRANTED TO THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER BY THE BERWICK BOYS FOUNDATION ON THE TERMS SET FORTH ON THE EASEMENT AND AS DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 4.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 5: Easement No. 4 - ABF Freight System, Inc.

To see if the Town will vote to accept the perpetual right and easement granted to the Town of West Bridgewater by the ABF Freight System, Inc., as successor by merger, dated September 24, 1995, with Carolina Freight Carriers Corporation, a North Carolina Corporation, having a mailing address of 3801 Old Greenwood Road, Fort Smith, AR 72903, dated March 22, 2005, for consideration of one dollar ($1.00), said easement being granted for the purpose of allowing the Town to discharge drainage upon a certain parcel of land, belonging to the Grantors, situated on the westerly line of Manley Street and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the northwesterly apparent right-of-way line of Manley Strect at the easterly corner of the herein described easement, said point being 22.04' left of baseline station 58+37.67,

Thence: in a southwesterly direction bordering southerly by land now or formerly of Carolina Freight Carriers Corp. for a distance of 15.00' to a point,

Thence: in a northwesterly direction bordering southwesterly by land now or formerly of Carolina Freight Carriers Corp. for a distance of 20.00' to a point,

Thence: in a northeasterly direction bordering northerly by land now or formerly of Carolina Freight Carriers Corp. for a distance of 15.00' to a point in said right-of-way line,

Thence: in a southeasterly direction along the apparent right-of-way line of Manley Street for a distance of 20.00' to the point and place of beginning.

Containing an area of 300 square feet, more or less, and being shown as 'Drainage Easement 4' on a plan entitled, "PLAN OF EASEMENTS MANLEY STREET, WEST BRIDGEWATER, MA PREPARED FOR GUERTIN ELKERTON & ASSOC., INC.," scale: 1"=40' dated: 12/23/2003 prepared by CO-OPERATIVE Land Surveyors, LLC to be recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PERPETUAL RIGHT AND EASEMENT GRANTED TO THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER BY ABF FREIGHT SYSTEM, INC. ON THE TERMS SET FORTH ON THE EASEMENT AND AS DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 5.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 6: Easement No. 5 - Onyx Development Company, LLC

To see if the Town will vote to accept the perpetual right and easement granted to the Town of West Bridgewater by Onyx Development Company, LLC, a Massachusetts Domestic Limited Liability Company, with a usual place of business at 208 Manley Street, West Bridgewater, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, as dated on the easement, for consideration of one dollar ($1.00), said easement being granted for the purpose of allowing the Town to discharge drainage upon a certain parcel of land, belonging to the Grantors, situated on the northwesterly line of Manley Street and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the northwesterly apparent right-of-way line of Manley Street at the easterly corner of the herein described easement, said point being 22.04' left of baseline station 62+44.61,

Thence: in a southwesterly direction bordering southerly by land now or formerly of Onyx Development Co. LLC for a distance of 15.00' to a point,

Thence: in a northwesterly direction bordering southwesterly by land now or formerly of Onyx Development Co. LLC for a distance of 20.00' to a point,

Thence: in a northeasterly direction bordering northerly by land now or formerly of Onyx Development Co. LLC for a distance of 15.00' to a point in said right-of-way line,

Thence: in a southeasterly direction along the apparent right-of-way line of Manley Street for a distance of 20.00' to the point and place of beginning.

Containing an area of 300 square feet, more or less, and being shown as 'Drainage Easement 5' on a plan entitled, "PLAN OF EASEMENTS MANLEY STREET, WEST BRIDGEWATER, MA PREPARED FOR GUERTIN ELKERTON & ASSOC., INC.," scale: 1"=40' dated: 12/23/2003 prepared by CO-OPERATIVE Land Surveyors, LLC to be recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PERPETUAL RIGHT AND EASEMENT GRANTED TO THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER BY ONYX DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, LLC, ON THE TERMS SET FORTH ON THE EASEMENT AND AS DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 6.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 7: Easement No. 6 - Coffman

To see if the Town will vote to accept the perpetual right and easement granted to the Town of West Bridgewater, as dated on the easement, by Max Coffman of Hollywood, Florida, Suzanne M. Zaff and Jeffrey Coffman, both of Brockton, Massachusetts, for consideration of one dollar ($1.00), said easement being granted for the purpose of allowing the Town to discharge drainage upon a certain parcel of land, belonging to the Grantors, situated on the easterly line of Manley Street and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the northeasterly apparent right-of-way line of Manley Street at the southerly corner of the herein described easement, said point being 27.95' right of baseline station 64+20.32,

Thence: in a northeasterly direction bordering southerly by land now or formerly of Coffman, Jeffery Et Al for a distance of 18.95' to a point,

Thence: in a northwesterly direction bordering northeasterly by land now or formerly of Coffman, Jeffery Et Al for a distance of 28.20' to a point,

Thence: in a southwesterly direction bordering northerly by land now or formerly of Coffman, Jeffery Et Al or a distance of 18.95' to a point in said right-of-way line,

Thence: in a southeasterly direction along the apparent right-of-way line of Manley Street for a distance of 28.20' to the point and place of beginning.

Containing an area of 534 square feet, more or less, and being shown as 'Drainage Easement 6' on a plan entitled, "PLAN OF EASEMENTS MANLEY STREET, WEST BRIDGEWATER, MA PREPARED FOR GUERTIN ELKERTON & ASSOC., INC.," scale: 1"=40' dated: 12/23/2003 prepared by CO-OPERATIVE Land Surveyors, LLC, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PERPETUAL RIGHT AND EASEMENT GRANTED TO THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER BY COFFMAN ON THE TERMS SET FORTH ON THE EASEMENT AND AS DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 7.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 8: Easement No. 7 - William F. Bertarelli and Paul H. Bertarelli

To see if the Town will vote to accept the perpetual right and easement granted to the Town of West Bridgewater by William F. Bertarelli and Paul H. Bertarelli, both of Brockton, Massachusetts, as dated on the easement, for consideration of one dollar ($1.00), said easement being granted for the purpose of allowing the Town to discharge drainage upon a certain parcel of land, belonging to the Grantors, situated on the westerly line of Manley Street and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the westerly apparent right-of-way line of Manley Street at the southeasterly corner of the herein described easement, said point being 27.50' left of baseline station 87+46.91,

Thence: in a southwesterly direction bordering southerly by land now or formerly of Bertarelli, William & Paul for a distance of 32.00' to a point,

Thence: in a northwesterly direction bordering southwesterly by land now or formerly of Bertarelli, William & Paul for a distance of 20.00' to a point,

Thence: in a northeasterly direction bordering northerly by land now or formerly of Bertarelli, William & Paul for a distance of 32.00' to a point in said right-of-way line,

Thence: in a southeasterly direction along the apparent right-of-way line of Manley Street for a distance of 20.00' to the point and place of beginning.

Containing an area of 640 square feet, more or less, and being shown as 'Drainage Easement 7' on a plan entitled, "PLAN OF EASEMENTS MANLEY STREET, WEST BRIDGEWATER, MA PREPARED FOR GUERTIN ELKERTON & ASSOC., INC.," scale: 1"=40' dated: 12/23/2003 prepared by CO-OPERATIVE Land Surveyors, LLC to be recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PERPETUAL RIGHT AND EASEMENT GRANTED TO THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER BY WILLIAM F. BERTARELLI AND PAUL H. BERTARELLI ON THE TERMS SET FORTH ON THE EASEMENT AND AS DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 8.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 9: Easement No. 9 - M & N Realty Trust

To see if the Town will vote to accept the perpetual right and easement granted to the Town of West Bridgewater by Mitchell J. Hunt, Trustee of M & N Realty Trust, having a usual place of business at 50 Spark Street, Brockton, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, as dated on the easement, for consideration of one dollar ($1.00), said easement being granted for the purpose of allowing the Town to discharge drainage upon a certain parcel of land, belonging to the Grantor, situated on the easterly line of Manley Street and bounded and described as follows:
Beginning at a point on the easterly apparent right-of-way line of Manley Street at the northwesterly corner of the herein described easement, said point being 27.78 right of baseline station 139+69.40,

Thence: in an easterly direction bordering northerly by land now or formerly of M & N Realty Trust for a distance of 20.00' to a point,

Thence: in a southerly direction bordering easterly by land now or formerly of M & N Realty Trust for a distance of 20.00' to a point,

Thence: in a westerly direction bordering southerly by land now or formerly of M & N Realty Trust for a distance of 20.00' to a point in said right-of-way line,

Thence: in a northerly direction along the apparent right-of-way line of Manley Street for a distance of 20.00' to the point and place of beginning.

Containing an area of 400 square feet, more or less, and being shown as 'Drainage Easement 9' on a plan entitled, "PLAN OF EASEMENTS MANLEY STREET, WEST BRIDGEWATER, MA PREPARED FOR GUERTIN ELKERTON & ASSOC., INC.," scale: 1"=40' dated: 12/23/2003 prepared by CO-OPERATIVE Land Surveyors, LLC to be recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PERPETUAL RIGHT AND EASEMENT GRANTED TO THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER BY M & N REALTY TRUST ON THE TERMS SET FORTH ON THE EASEMENT AND AS DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 9.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 10: Easement No. 10 - Spadea

To see if the Town will vote to accept the perpetual right and easement granted to the Town of West Bridgewater by Joseph R. Spadea, Jr. executor of the estate of Joseph R. Spadea, deceased of West Bridgewater, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, dated March 16, 2005, for consideration of one dollar ($1.00), said easement being granted for the purpose of allowing the Town to discharge drainage upon a certain parcel of land, belonging to the Grantor, situated on the westerly line of Manley Street and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the westerly apparent right-of-way line of Manley Street at the southeasterly corner of the herein described easement, said point being 22.50' left of baseline station 142+10.95,

Thence: in a westerly direction bordering southerly by land now or formerly of Spadea, Joseph & Gladys for a distance of 20.00' to a point,

Thence: in a northerly direction bordering westerly by land now or formerly of Spadea, Joseph & Gladys for a distance of 60.00' to a point,

Thence: in an easterly direction bordering northerly by land now or formerly of Spadea, Joseph & Gladys for a distance of 20.00' to a point in said right-of-way line,

Thence: in a southerly direction along the apparent right-of-way line of Manley Street for a distance of 60.00' to the point and place of beginning.

Containing an area of 1200 square feet, more or less, and being shown as 'Drainage Easement 10' on a plan entitled, "PLAN OF EASEMENTS MANLEY STREET, WEST BRIDGEWATER, MA PREPARED FOR GUERTIN ELKERTON & ASSOC., INC.," scale: 1"=40' dated: 12/23/2003 prepared by CO-OPERATIVE Land Surveyors, LLC to be recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PERPETUAL RIGHT AND EASEMENT GRANTED TO THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER BY SPADEA ON THE TERMS SET FORTH ON THE EASEMENT AND AS DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 10.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 11: Easement No. 11 - M & N Realty Trust

To see if the Town will vote to accept the perpetual right and easement granted to the Town of West Bridgewater by Mitchell J. Hunt, Trustee of M & N Realty Trust, having a usual place of business at 50 Spark Street, Brockton, Plymouth County, Massachusetts, as dated on the easement, for consideration of one dollar ($1.00), said easement being granted for the purpose of allowing the Town to discharge drainage upon a certain parcel of land, belonging to the Grantor, situated on the easterly line of Manley Street and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the easterly apparent right-of-way line of Manley Street at the northwesterly corner of the herein described easement, said point being 27.50' right of baseline station 142+67.36,

Thence: in an easterly direction bordering northerly by land now or formerly of M & N Realty Trust for a distance of 12.50' to a point,

Thence: in a southerly direction bordering easterly by land now or formerly of M & N Realty Trust for a distance of 20.00' to a point,

Thence: in a westerly direction bordering southerly by land now or formerly of M & N Realty Trust for a distance of 12.50' to a point in said right-of-way line,

Thence: in a northerly direction along the apparent right-of-way line of Manley Street for a distance of 20.00' to the point and place of beginning.

Containing an area of 250 square feet, more or less, and being shown as 'Drainage Easement 11' on a plan entitled, "PLAN OF EASEMENTS MANLEY STREET, WEST BRIDGEWATER, MA PREPARED FOR GUERTIN ELKERTON & ASSOC., INC.," scale: 1"=40' dated:

12/23/2003 prepared by CO-OPERATIVE Land Surveyors, LLC to be recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PERPETUAL RIGHT AND EASEMENT GRANTED TO THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER BY M & N REALTY TRUST ON THE TERMS SET FORTH ON THE EASEMENT AND AS DESCRIBED IN ARTICLE 11.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen for the recording costs of the easements voted in Articles 1-10 above, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN TRANSFER THE SUM OF $2,500 FROM FREE CASH TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN FOR THE RECORDING COSTS OF THE EASEMENTS VOTED IN ARTICLES 2-11 ABOVE.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to provide for the Southeastern Regional Vocational School Budget (No. 3200) to committed expenditures through June 30, 2005 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN TRANSFER THE SUM OF $88,633 FROM FREE CASH TO THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL BUDGET (NO. 3200) TO PROVIDE FOR COMMITTED EXPENDITURES THROUGH JUNE 30, 2005.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase and equip two (2) new police cruisers for the Police Department and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of two (2) older cruisers in the best interest of the Town, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN TRANSFER THE SUM OF $57,000 FROM FREE CASH TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PURCHASE AND EQUIP TWO (2) NEW POLICE CRUISERS FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO DISPOSE OF TWO (2) OLDER CRUISERS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to acquire architectural and engineering design plans for several school roof repairs, and then to go out to bid to perform the needed school roof repairs or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN BORROW THE SUM OF $200,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO ACQUIRE ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING DESIGN PLANS FOR SEVERAL SCHOOL ROOF REPAIRS, AND THEN GO OUT TO BID TO PERFORM THE NEEDED SCHOOL ROOF REPAIRS.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY DECLARED 2/3 VOTE

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money as the Town's match for the WEB Task Force Grant or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN TRANSFER THE SUM OF $10,000 FROM FREE CASH AS THE TOWN'S MATCH FOR THE WEB TASK FORCE GRANT.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Benefits Budget (9100) to fund the cost of sick-leave buy-back for a Town Employee who has retired in accordance with the provisions of the Plymouth County Retirement system, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN TRANSFER THE SUM OF $20,000 FROM FREE CASH TO THE BENEFITS BUDGET (9100) TO FUND THE COST OF SICK-LEAVE BUY-BACK FOR A TOWN EMPLOYEE WHO HAS RETIRED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE PLYMOUTH COUNTY RETIREMENT SYSTEM.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to acquire architectural and engineering design plans for the remodeling of the Police Station or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN BORROW THE SUM OF $80,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO ACQUIRE ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING DESIGN PLANS FOR THE REMODELING OF THE POLICE STATION.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY DECLARED 2/3 VOTE

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to borrow a sum of money in anticipation of reimbursement to meet the State's share of the cost of work for State-Aid Construction and Maintenance as released in the State's FY05 Chapter 90 local transportation aid bill or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN BORROW THE SUM OF $188,509 IN ANTICIPATION OF STATE REIMBURSEMENT TO MEET THE STATE'S SHARE OF THE COST OF WORK FOR STATE-AID CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE AS RELEASED IN THE STATE'S FY05 CHAPTER 90 LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AID BILL.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to borrow a sum of money in anticipation of reimbursement to meet the State's share of the cost of work for State-Aid Construction and Maintenance as released in the State's FY06 Chapter 90 local transportation aid bill or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN BORROW THE SUM OF $186,923 IN ANTICIPATION OF STATE REIMBURSEMENT TO MEET THE STATE'S SHARE OF THE COST OF WORK FOR STATE-AID CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE AS RELEASED IN THE STATE'S FY06 CHAPTER 90 LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AID BILL.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to adopt MGL Chapter 59 Section 5K as amended by Chapter 184 , section 52 of the Acts of 2002, local program rules and guidelines commencing in Fiscal 2006, relative to the Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off Abatement Program and establishing the maximum annual abatement of property taxes at $700 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN ADOPT MGL CHAPTER 59 SECTION 5K AS AMENDED BY CHAPTER 184, SECTION 52 OF THE ACTS OF 2002, LOCAL PROGRAM RULES AND GUIDELINES COMMENCING IN FISCAL 2006, RELATIVE TO THE SENIOR CITIZEN PROPERTY TAX WORK-OFF ABATEMENT PROGRAM AND ESTABLISHING THE MAXIMUM ANNUAL ABATEMENT OF PROPERTY TAXES AT $700.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; to determine

whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT $400,000 IS RAISED AND APPROPRIATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE FOLLOWING WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT FACILITY PROJECTS: REPAIR, REPLACEMENT AND/OR UPGRADE OF SEPTIC SYSTEMS, PURSUANT TO AGREEMENTS WITH THE BOARD OF HEALTH AND RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERS, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ALL COSTS THEREOF AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1 OF CHAPTER 29C OF THE GENERAL LAWS; THAT TO MEET THIS APPROPRIATION THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW $400,000 AND ISSUE BONDS OR NOTES THEREFOR UNDER MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAW CHAPTER 111, SECTION 127B ½ AND/OR CHAPTER 29C OF THE GENERAL LAWS; THAT PROJECT AND FINANCING COSTS SHALL BE REPAID BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENTS AUTHORIZED UNDER THOSE STATUTES AND AT 5% INTEREST PER ANNUM, OF WHICH THE PROCEEDS FROM SUCH INTEREST, AS WELL AS ANY AMOUNTS RECEIVED FROM THE HOMEOWNER FOR THE REPAYMENT OF SUCH LOANS, SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE "RESERVE FOR APPROPRIATION – W.P.A.T. LOAN REPAYMENT ACCOUNT", AND SHALL, WITH APPROVAL OF TOWN MEETING, BE USED TO FUND THE REPAYMENT OF ANY SUCH LOANS GRANTED BY THE WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT TRUST UNDER THIS AUTHORIZATION. SUCH BONDS OR NOTES SHALL BE GENERAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE TOWN; THAT THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW ALL OR A PORTION OF SUCH AMOUNT FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT TRUST ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 29C AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT AND/OR SECURITY AGREEMENT WITH THE TRUST AND OTHERWISE CONTRACT WITH THE TRUST AND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WITH RESPECT TO SUCH LOAN AND FOR ANY FEDERAL OR STATE AID AVAILABLE FOR THE PROJECTS OR FOR THE FINANCING THEREOF; AND THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, OR OTHER APPROPRAITE LOCAL BODY OR OFFICIAL IS AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO A PROJECT REGULATORY AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, TO EXPEND ALL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THE PROJECT AND TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PROJECTS.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrade of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; to determine

whether this appropriation shall be raised by using the monies repaid to the Town by current outstanding loans that are in excess of amounts due to be repaid to the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE MONIES PREVIOUSLY REPAID THROUGH THE LOAN PROGRAM BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS BE TRANSFERRED AND APPROPRIATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING ADDITIONAL WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT FACILITY PROJECTS: REPAIR, REPLACEMENT AND/OR UPGRADE OF SEPTIC SYSTEMS, PURSUANT TO AGREEMENTS WITH THE BOARD OF HEALTH AND RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERS, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ALL COSTS THEREOF AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1 OF CHAPTER 29C OF THE GENERAL LAWS; THAT TO MEET THIS APPROPRIATION THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO REISSUE THOSE FUNDS FOR ADDITIONAL WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT FACILITY PROJECTS THAT ARE IN EXCESS OF AMOUNTS DUE TO BE REPAID TO THE MASSACHUSETTS WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT TRUST; THAT PROJECT AND FINANCING COSTS SHALL BE REPAID BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENTS AUTHORIZED UNDER THOSE STATUTES AND AT 5% INTEREST PER ANNUM, OF WHICH THE PROCEEDS FROM SUCH INTEREST, AS WELL AS ANY AMOUNTS RECEIVED FROM THE HOMEOWNER FOR THE REPAYMENT OF SUCH LOANS, SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE "RESERVE FOR APPROPRIATION – W.P.A.T. LOAN REPAYMENT ACCOUNT", AND SHALL, WITH APPROVAL OF TOWN MEETING, BE USED TO FUND THE REPAYMENT OF ANY LOANS GRANTED BY THE WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT TRUST UNDER THIS AUTHORIZATION.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen for the cost of repairs to the Forest Street Bridge or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN TRANSFER THE SUM OF $5,000 FREE CASH TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN FOR THE COST OF REPAIRS TO THE FOREST STREET BRIDGE.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 25: To see if the Town will Vote to Amend the Zoning By-Laws Section 4.4 Table of Use Regulations; "Residential Uses;" line 1 "Single Family dwelling," line 2 "Two-family dwelling," change column "B"(Business Zone) from "N" (NO) to "Y" (Yes) and line 3 "Conversion of existing owner-occupied dwelling to two-family dwelling," change column "B" (Business Zone) from "N" (NO) to "SA" (Special permit granted by the Board of Appeals), or take any action relative thereto. (This amendment is by resident petition.)

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AMEND THE ZONING BY-LAWS SECTION 4.4 TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS; "RESIDENTIAL USES;" LINE 1 "SINGLE FAMILY DWELLING," LINE 2 "TWO-FAMILY DWELLING," CHANGE COLUMN "B"(BUSINESS ZONE) FROM "N" (NO) TO "Y" (YES) AND LINE 3 "CONVERSION OF EXISTING OWNER-OCCUPIED DWELLING TO TWO-FAMILY DWELLING," CHANGE COLUMN "B" (BUSINESS ZONE) FROM "N" (NO) TO "SA" (SPECIAL PERMIT GRANTED BY THE BOARD OF APPEALS)

PLANNING BOARD PRESENTED THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENT TO THE MAIN MOTION: "THAT THIS ZONING CHANGE WILL ONLY APPLY TO BUILDINGS IN EXISTENCE AT THE TIME OF THE BYLAW CHANGE"

UPON VOTE AMENDMENT PASSED WITH DECLARED 2/3 VOTE.

UPON VOTE, THE MOTION WITH THE AMENDMENT PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 26: To see if the Town will amend the Zoning by-Laws Section 4.4 Table of use Regulations: "Commercial and Industrial Uses" line 2 "Contractors office and Storage Yards" change column GRF (General Residential & Farming) and column "B" (Business) from "SA" (Special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals) to "N" (NO) and line 5 "Manufacturing" change column "B" (Business) from "SA" (Special Permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals) to "N" (NO) or take any action relative thereto. (This amendment is by resident petition.)

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN AMEND THE ZONING BY-LAWS SECTION 4.4 TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS: "COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL USES" LINE 2 "CONTRACTORS OFFICE AND STORAGE YARDS" CHANGE COLUMN GRF (GENERAL RESIDENTIAL & FARMING) AND COLUMN "B" (BUSINESS) FROM "SA" (SPECIAL PERMIT FROM THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS) TO "N" (NO) AND LINE 5 "MANUFACTURING" CHANGE COLUMN "B" (BUSINESS) FROM "SA" (SPECIAL PERMIT FROM THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS) TO "N" (NO).

DENISE REYES REPRESENTING THE RESIDENT PETITION AMENDED THE MAIN MOTION BY DELETING "AND LINE 5 "MANUFACTURING" CHANGE COLUMN "B" (BUSINESS) FROM "SA" SPECIAL PERMIT FROM THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS) TO "N" (NO)".

UPON VOTE AMENDMENT PASSED BY MAJORITY

UPON VOTE, MOTION WITH AMENDMENT WAS DEFEATED : YES – 77, NO 109

Article 27: To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 10:13 PM, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

A true copy, Attest: _____
Nancy L. Morrison, Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
WARRANT ARTICLES

Monday, June 13, 2005 – 7:00 PM
West Bridgewater Junior/Senior High School Gymnasium

A meeting of which the inhabitants of the town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs were notified by warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen and posted by Constable Walter Thayer on May 21, 2004.

Moderator S. Erick Benson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Stephen Mott of the Cochesett United Methodist Church gave the invocation. The Boy Scouts from Troop 25 presented the colors and the Girl Scouts lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Josh Freitas, Rachael Hayes and Kathryn Place sang the Star Spangled Banner.

With 89 qualified voters and 22 guests the meeting proceeded as follows:

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN CONSIDER ARTICLES 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 AS PRINTED ON THE WARRANT AS A SINGLE "CONSENT" ARTICLE WITH:

THE UPPER LIMIT ON ARTICLE 6 ESTABLISHED AT $28,000;
THE UPPER LIMIT ON ARTICLE 7 ESTABLISHED AT $24,000;
THE UPPER LIMIT ON ARTICLE 8 ESTABLISHED AT $4,000;
THE UPPER LIMIT ON ARTICLE 9 ESTABLISHED AT $10,000;
THE UPPER LIMIT ON ARTICLE 10 ESTABLISHED AT $64,000.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Motion to recess for Special Town Meeting at 7:10 P.M.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Annual Town meeting resumed at 7:25 p.m.

*Article 1: To hear reports of all Town Officers and act thereon.

MOVE: THAT THE REPORTS OF ALL TOWN OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN THE 2004 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract or contracts with the Massachusetts Department of Public Works for the construction and maintenance of public highways for the fiscal year, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS WITH THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC HIGHWAYS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2005.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to determine the salaries of the following elected Town Officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005:

Moderator	Tree Warden
Board of Selectmen	Board of Assessors
Town Clerk	Water Commissioners
Board of Health	

The following officers to serve without pay:

Library Trustees	School Committee
Planning Board	

Or take any action relative thereto.

VOTE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO DETERMINE THE SALARIES OF THE FOLLOWING ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2004.

MODERATOR	$ 318	TREE WARDEN	$1,526
BOARD OF SELECTMEN	$9,778	BOARD OF ASSESSORS	$9,935
TOWN CLERK	$50,235	WATER COMMISSIONERS	$6,876
BOARD OF HEALTH	$ 2,429		

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 4: To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005 and to make appropriations for the same, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $18,913,249 FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE TOWN AND OTHER USUAL OR NECESSARY TOWN CHARGES AS HEREIN SPECIFIED AND REQUESTED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2005 FOR THE PURPOSES HEREIN DESCRIBED AND FURTHER THAT THE SUM OF $17,070,527 BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED AND THE SUM OF $1,692,722 BE TRANSFERRED AS FOLLOWS:

From Estimated Water Revenues to:	Water Dept (4500)	$1,121,337
From Emergency Medical Services Receipts to:	Fire Dept (2200)	350,000
From Conservation Wetland Protection Fund to:	Conservation Com (1710)	6,500
From Assessors' Surplus Overlay Fund to:	Retirement of Debt (7100)	88,885
From Assessors' Surplus Overlay Fund to:	Retirement of Debt (7100)	126,000
	TOTAL	$1,692,722

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Stabilization Fund a sum of money to defray Town charges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005 and to make appropriations for the same, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM THE STABILIZATION FUND THE AMOUNT OF $150,000 TO DEFRAY TOWN CHARGES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2005 AND TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SAME.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging Supportive Care Program to be used by the Council on Aging for expenses needed to run said program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of $28,000 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE, AS PROVIDED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, THE RETENTION OF REVENUE GENERATED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER COUNCIL ON AGING SOCIAL DAY CARE PROGRAM TO BE USED BY THE COUNCIL ON AGING FOR EXPENSES NEEDED TO RUN SAID PROGRAM ON A YEAR-ROUND BASIS AND TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND FOR SUCH PURPOSE FROM

WHICH THE DIRECTOR OF ELDER SERVICES WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE EXPENDITURES AND WHICH SHALL HAVE AS AN ANNUAL UPPER LIMIT AN AMOUNT OF $28,000 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging's Nutrition Program to be used by the Council to purchase supplies needed to run the program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of $24,000 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE, AS PROVIDED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, THE RETENTION OF REVENUE GENERATED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER COUNCIL ON AGING'S NUTRITION PROGRAM TO BE USED BY THE COUNCIL TO PURCHASE SUPPLIES NEEDED TO RUN THE PROGRAM ON A YEAR-ROUND BASIS AND TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND FOR SUCH PURPOSE FROM WHICH THE DIRECTOR OF ELDER SERVICES WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE EXPENDITURES AND WHICH SHALL HAVE AS AN ANNUAL UPPER LIMIT AN AMOUNT OF $24,000 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize as provided in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging's Transportation Program to be used by the Council to pay necessary expenses to run the program on a year round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make these expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of $4,000 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE AS PROVIDED IN MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, THE RETENTION OF REVENUE GENERATED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER COUNCIL ON AGING'S TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM TO BE USED BY THE COUNCIL TO PAY NECESSARY EXPENSES TO RUN THE PROGRAM ON A YEAR ROUND BASIS AND TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND FOR SUCH PURPOSE FROM WHICH THE DIRECTOR OF ELDER SERVICES WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE THESE EXPENDITURES AND WHICH SHALL HAVE AS AN ANNUAL UPPER LIMIT AN AMOUNT OF $4,000 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of fines and fees collected by the West Bridgewater Public Library to be used for the purpose of books and materials for said Library and to establish a revolving fund for such a purpose from which the Library Director will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit request in FY06 of $10,000 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE, AS PROVIDED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, THE RETENTION OF FINES AND FEES COLLECTED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF BOOKS AND MATERIALS FOR SAID LIBRARY AND TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND FOR SUCH A PURPOSE FROM WHICH THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE EXPENDITURES AND WHICH SHALL HAVE AS AN ANNUAL UPPER LIMIT REQUEST IN FY 2006 OF $10,000 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Public Schools' Preschool Program, to be used by the preschool for expenses needed to run said program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the School Committee will be authorized to make

expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of $64,000 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE, AS PROVIDED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, THE RETENTION OF REVENUE GENERATED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC SCHOOLS' PRESCHOOL PROGRAM TO BE USED BY THE PRESCHOOL FOR EXPENSES NEEDED TO RUN SAID PROGRAM ON A YEAR-ROUND BASIS AND WHICH SHALL HAVE AS AN ANNUAL UPPER LIMIT AN AMOUNT OF $64,000 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to establish a reserve for wage increases for General Government employees for FY2006 subject to contract negotiations and appropriate Town Meeting approval, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $60,000 TO ESTABLISH A RESERVE FOR WAGE INCREASES FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES FOR FY2006 SUBJECT TO CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 12 To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 4 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986 and to further accept the provisions of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988, which will grant a percentage increase to real estate tax exemptions to persons who are otherwise qualified for such exemptions, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 4 OF CHAPTER 73 OF THE ACTS OF 1986 AND TO FURTHER ACCEPT THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 126 OF THE ACTS OF 1988 WHICH WILL GRANT A PERCENTAGE INCREASE TO REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTIONS TO PERSONS WHO ARE OTHERWISE QUALIFIED FOR SUCH EXEMPTIONS AND FURTHER TO INCREASE THE REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION TO PERSONS SO QUALIFIED BY 25% FOR FY2006.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money for the completion of the Triennial revaluation or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $35,000 FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE TRIENNIAL REVALUATION.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to renovate and construct an addition to the Fire Station provided that such project shall only commence after successful passage of a proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion override ballot vote or take any action relative thereto

MOVE: TO PASS WITHOUT ACTION.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to purchase and equip a 4 wheel-drive F350 or equivalent pick-up truck for the Fire Department or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF $35,000 TO PURCHASE AND EQUIP A 4-WHEEL-DRIVE F350 OR EQUIVALENT PICK-UP TRUCK FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to purchase a 4 wheel-drive F450 or its equivalent pick-up truck for the Highway Department and equip it with a plow or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF $45,000 TO PURCHASE A 4-WHEEL-DRIVE F450 OR ITS EQUIVALENT PICK-UP TRUCK FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND EQUIP IT WITH A PLOW.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 32, Section 4, paragraph (1)(o1/2) regarding the establishment of credit for time in service for members of the Library Board of Trustees in which no compensation has been received or take an action relative thereto.

MOVE: TO PASS WITHOUT ACTION.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to purchase water meters and related meter reading equipment or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN TRANSFER FROM WATER SURPUS THE SUM OF $40,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE WATER COMMISSIONERS TO PURCHASE WATER METERS AND RELATED METER READING EQUIPMENT.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to replace fencing and asphalt around the Manley Street Well, Norman Avenue Well and treatment plant and Cyr Street Station One Well and treatment plant or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN TRANSFER FROM WATER SURPLUS THE SUM OF $100,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE WATER COMMISSIONERS TO REPLACE FENCING AND ASPHALT AROUND THE MANLEY STREET WELL, NORMAN AVENUE WELL AND TREATMENT PLANT AND CYR STREET STATION ONE WELL AND TREATMENT PLANT.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds to be expended by the Water Commissioners to remove pumps and fill abandoned wells at Manley Street and Norman Avenue or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM WATER SURPLUS THE SUM OF $12,600 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE WATER COMMISSIONERS TO REMOVE PUMPS AND FILL ABANDONED WELLS AT MANLEY STREET AND NORMAN AVENUE.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 21: To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:15 P.M. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A true copy, Attest: Nancy L. Morrison

Nancy L. Morrison, Town Clerk

WARRANT ARTICLES
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 13, 2005 – 7:15 PM
WEST BRIDGEWATER MIDDLE/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
GYMNASIUM

Article1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay old bills or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: TO PASS WITHOUT ACTION

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to provide for committed expenditures through June 30, 2005, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER THE SUM OF $242,500 FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS TO PROVIDE FOR COMMITTED EXPENDITURES THROUGH JUNE 30, 2005:

FROM:	Dept. No.	Amount
Town Moderator	1140	$ 250.00
Board of Selectmen	1220	$ 6,500.00
Finance Committee Res.	1320	$ 15,000.00
Cable TV	1560	$ 1,000.00
Elections	1630	$ 3,000.00
Insurances	1930	$ 11,600.00
Municipal Blg. Needs	1945	$ 500.00
Waste Water Treatment	1950	$ 17,950.00
Solid Waste Trans. Station	4330	$ 8,000.00
Veterans	5430	$ 4,500.00
Short Term Interest	7520	$ 5,500.00
Benefits	9100	$ 27,000.00
Water Surplus		$ 15,314.00
Free Cash		$126,336.00
TO:		
Town Counsel	1510	$ 45,000.00
Town Hall	1940	$ 4,800.00
Police Department	2100	$ 40,000.00
Fire Department	2200	$ 55,000.00
Forestry and Parks	2940	$ 2,000.00
Highway Administration	4210	$ 7,900.00

Highway Construction	**4220**	**$ 4,000.00**
Snow and Ice Removal	**4230**	**$ 83,750.00**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase a used F450 or similar pick up truck for the Highway Department or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: TO PASS WITHOUT ACTION.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Library Board of Trustees to purchase a new telephone system for the Library, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $2,800 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO PURCHASE A NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM FOR THE LIBRARY.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to fund the update of the 1999 Open Space Plan or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $2,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO FUND THE UPDATE OF THE 1999 OPEN SPACE PLAN.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY

Article 6: To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:25 P.M. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

A true copy, Attest: Nancy L. Morrison

Nancy L. Morrison, Town Clerk

CHIEF OF POLICE
DONALD H. CLARK

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Town of West Bridgewater
Police Department

West Bridgewater, Massachusetts 02379

03/10/2006

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater, as Chief of Police, I submit my annual report on the West Bridgewater Police Department for the year 2005.

We had two officers retire in 2005. Sgt. W. Kevin Johnson and Officer Ann Savignano both retired. Sgt Johnson with thirty four years of service to the town, and Officer Savignano retired with over twenty year's service. Officer Savignano also started the D.A.R.E. program and was the D.A.R.E. officer until the fall of 2004. I would like to thank both of these individuals for their contributions to the department during their careers.

We have added some part-time officers. In October we added four permanent intermittent officers. Robert Piepiora, Edward O'Brien, Russell Regan and Timothy Pope were hired. These four officers are great additions to the department and I look forward to working with them.

We also have a new full time officer. Officer Michael Winkler graduated from the full time Police Academy in June. He has replaced one of the officers that retired in 2004. We have also for the first time, named an Elder Affairs Officer. Officer Bruce Holmquist was assigned to this position. He will serve as a liaison between the town's seniors and the Police Department. We have a large senior population and we hope to augment some of the services already in place.

For the first time in the history of the department we had two officers receive Officer of the Year awards from Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Sgt. Christopher Werner and Officer Richard Flaherty were both recognized for their efforts to combat drunk driving. Congratulations to both officers for this accomplishment.

Another first for the department was the acquisition of a Harley Davidson motorcycle. The motorcycle was acquired with the use of Community Policing grant funds. We have received a great deal of positive feedback regarding the motorcycle. The motorcycle will be used for parades, routine patrol and will allow us to run radar in places where we previously could not.

We are in the process of exploring the possibility of an addition to our building. This building is too small for our needs and has been for a number of years. We are working to accomplish our goals with the least amount of burden possible on the taxpayers. The most feasible solution is to add a second story onto our existing structure. We will continue to work with the various committees reference this issue.

We continue to strive to provide the residents and taxpayers a safe environment in which to live and work. I would like to thank all of the officers on the department for their efforts and diligence in this endeavor. I would also like to thank all other town departments for their continuing co-operation.

I herewith submit the annual report for the West Bridgewater Police Department for the year 2005.

Homicides.....0
Larceny.....132
Arrest (Total).....339
Protective Custody.....50
Assault..... 24
Robbery..... 7
Breaks (Residential &Commercial).....25
Rapes..... 2
Attempted Rapes..... 1
Indecent Assaults & Battery..... 2
Operating Under the Influence..... 80
Open & Gross Lewdness..... 1
Child Abuse.....6
Abuse Prevention Orders (209A) Served.....70
Domestic Abuse Calls..... ...48

MISCELLANEOUS

Mutual Aid..... . 224
Officers Assaulted..... 7
Vehicles Stolen.....9
Vehicles Recovered..... 16
Vandalism..... 100
Alarms Answered.....664
911 Calls Received.....1,530
Total calls for Service..... ...10,954

TRAFFIC

Investigated Accidents..... 313
Fatal.....1
Non Investigated Accidents..... 238

CITATIONS

Warnings.....441
Civil Violations.....545
Arrest..... 214
Criminal Violations.....275
Total Violations..... .1,475

MONIES RECEIVED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER POLICE FOR 2005

Pistol Permit & F.I.D.issued		$6,650.00
License to Sell Firearm & Ammunition		0
Receipts from copies of Police Reports		$1,964.00
Parking Fines	$ 1,092.60	
Brockton District Court fines	$71,735.00	
Total Fines Collected		$72,827.60
10% Surcharge Collected from Outside details	$14,726.99	
Alarm Billing Collected	$ 4,550.00	
Total Surcharge & Alarm		$19,276.99
Total Monies Collected		$100,718.59

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald H. Clark,
Chief

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Town of West Bridgewater
Police Department

West Bridgewater, Massachusetts 02379

March 15, 2006

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater, as Chief of Police, I submit my annual report for the Animal Control Department for the year 2005.

Dog Licenses	899
Number taken to court for unlicensed dogs	128
Number of animal related calls	219
Dog fines collected	$3,050.00
Kennel costs	$1,674.00
Animal Control Officer Cost	$1,200.00
Court fines collected	$ 270.00

Respectfully submitted,

Donald H. Clark
Chief

OFFICE OF
LEONARD T. HUNT
CHIEF

TOWN of WEST BRIDGEWATER

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my sixteenth annual report as Chief of the Fire Department for the year 2005.

Personnel

The personnel of the Fire Department consists of the permanent Chief, one (1) permanent Deputy Chief, one (1) permanent Captain, two (2) permanent Lieutenants, ten (10) permanent firefighters, fourteen (14) call firefighters, two (2) Call Chaplains, and one (1) call dispatcher. Of the fifteen (15) full time members, including the Chief, five (5) are trained at the EMT-Defibrillator level, five (5) are trained at the EMT-Intermediate level, and five (5) are trained at the EMT-Paramedic level. In the call department, four (4) members are trained at the EMT-D level, four (4) are trained at the EMT-Paramedic level, including one that is a physician, and six (6) are trained at the first responder level.

Apparatus

Engine #1, a 2004 Emergency One 1500 GPM pumper, Engine #2, a 1986 Emergency One/GMC 1000 GPM pumper, Engine #3, a 1994 KME 1250 GPM rescue/pumper, Ladder #1, a 1999 Emergency One 110' aerial device, Forest Fire #2, a 2006 Ford F-350 4 wheel drive pick up truck, Forest Fire #3, a 1974 American Motors 6 wheel drive (government surplus) brushbreaker, Ambulance #1, a 1998 Freightliner/Horton, Ambulance #2, a 2004 Ford/Horton, the Chief's vehicle, a 1995 Ford 4 wheel drive Bronco, and the Paramedic response vehicle, a 1996 Ford Crown Victoria (former police cruiser).

Statistical Report

During 2005, the fire and rescue department responded to a total of two thousand five hundred and ten (2510) incidents. Of this figure, one thousand two hundred and sixty three (1263) calls were fire related. The remaining calls, One thousand two hundred and forty seven (1247), were for emergency medical services. For the fourth year in a row, we responded to slightly more fire calls than ambulance calls.

Training

We continue to have an ongoing training program for both our full time professional firefighters as well as our part time call firefighters. These duties are handled by Deputy Chief Allen A. Breer. Generally speaking, the department members train or "drill" during their regular on duty hours with call members participating when they are available. The department also conducts emergency medical training. These emergency medical training sessions are conducted by Dr. Henry Crowley, a member of our department, our Medical Director, and one of our paramedics.

Inspections

All inspections, as required by law, have been accomplished by this office, as well as an on going joint inspection program with the towns Building Inspector and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Requests and Recommendations

I am again requesting, and will continue to request, that we add at least two more full time firefighters to our staff. This will bring our total of full time personnel to seventeen, including myself, and will finally move us to my ultimate goal of a minimum of four (4) firefighters on duty at all times. I am very much aware of the present fiscal constraints that we all face. However, we are rapidly approaching the point where we just do not have adequate staffing available to handle the demands placed on the department. When a second, third, or sometimes fourth incident occurs, and this scenario is playing out on a more and more frequent basis, we must have the personnel available to respond. We presently rely on the use of overtime hours to accomplish adequate staffing. However, I believe this is an extremely expensive way to provide this coverage.

I am also requesting this year that we purchase a four wheel drive vehicle to replace the Chief's vehicle. The present truck, a 1995 Ford Bronco has served the town well but, at 11 years old, is beginning to fail at sometimes inopportune times.

Last, but certainly not least, a sincere thank you to my secretary, Dawne Holyoke, and my officers and firefighters for their continued dedication to the department and town. As I tell you every year, you have the finest fire and emergency medical services department in the area. I am always proud of their efforts on a daily basis on behalf of the citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard T. Hunt
Chief

Town of West Bridgewater
OFFICE OF WATER COMMISSIONERS
WEST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS 02379

JOHN W. NOYES
DONALD ASACK
DAVID CHURCHILL

January 01, 2006

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

We the Commissioners and Superintendent of the Water Department of the Town of West Bridgewater, respectfully submit our annual report for the year ending December 31, 2005.

During the year a total of 222,531,860 gallons of water were pumped. This is 27,426,039 gallons more than the previous year. The greatest amount pumped for any one day was on June 25, 2005 when 1,416,808 gallons were pumped. The largest month was June with 24,822,120 gallons pumped. The largest week was Aug 6-12 with 8,331,459 gallons being pumped.

With 222,531,860 gallons of water pumped, plus 1,138,910 gallons purchased from Easton, a total of 223,670,770 gallons of water was used. This makes a daily average use of 616,432 gallons.

Over the past year 37 new services were added. Our number of services now totals 2,632.

Station maintenance was carried out daily, after every severe storm, and after all power failures. A total of 450 hours of overtime were spent on emergency leaks and maintenance.

Once again in the fall of the year the Water Department conducted our flushing program. The flushing program has proven to be very successful, eliminating all dirty water complaints.

The Water Department's highly skilled personnel continued with our meter replacement program. We installed the new telephone operated water meter that calls the readings into our computer. The meters give us monthly readings. Because of the timely acquisition of meter readings, we have improved the accuracy of our records allowing us to keep our unaccounted for water within American Water Works standards of 10%.

In 2005 the water crew continued both a gate box rehabilitation program and a gate exercising program. This is the newest annual preventative maintenance project that we have taken on. The object of this project is to clean the debris from every gate box in the town and either rebuild or replace them when necessary. The second part of the project, after rehabilitating the gate box,is to exercise the gate valve with the new computerized gate valve operator. These valves are operated in order to assure that they can be easily operated in an emergency. Any gate that is found not to be in working order is dug up and replaced. We replaced 15 gates and gate boxes in 2005 that were found to be malfunctioning. Since the September 11 terrorist attack the quick and efficient operation of these valves has become of critical importance. It plays a major role in our new plan to react to terrorism. Isolating problems in the distribution system caused by terrorists is essential to any antiterrorism plan. Having started this project five years ago has given us an extremely valuable head start in completing an anti terrorism plan that can work successfully.

The old 2" black iron water main on Arch street had developed muliple leaks in the winter of 2004-2005 so the Water department crew replaced the 350 feet of 2" black iron water main last summer with a 4" p.v.c main. We also installed five house services with 3/4"copper services from the main to the property line. A hydrant was added at the end of the road for flushing and fire protection.

As required by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Agency, 142 analyses of our drinking water were performed. All reports were satisfactory, showing it to be of highly acceptable quality and free from bacterial elements. We also ran individual tests on all seven wells to check for cancer causing pollutants in our water. Unfortunately M.B.T.E. a gas additive continues to be found in three of our pumping stations wells in very low levels. This has caused us much concern and we have supported a new bylaw that prohibits any new fuel storage in West Bridgewater.

We now have four corrosion control facilities on line. One is on Norman Avenue and a second on Cyr Street treating wells 4&5, and a third at station 1 on Cyr Street and the iron removal plant has corrosion control built into the treatment process. We continue to meet our goal and pass the EPA lead and copper rule. We have earned another 3 year

testing wavier from the D.E.P. due to the high quality results.

We would like to thank the employees of the Water Department for making this year a success. We would also like to thank all the other departments that came to our aid when requested. Most importantly, we would like to thank all the towns people who have supported us in reaching our goals.

Respectfully submitted,
John W. Noyes, Chairman
Donald Asack, Clerk
David Churchill, Member
Richard E. Krugger Jr. Superintendent

Department of Forestry and Parks

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Christopher D. Iannitell
Forestry Superintendent
Tree Warden
Mass. Certified Horticulturist

The Forestry Department continues its efforts in areas of tree work, park restoration, ground maintenance, and recreation. Listed below are some of the areas in which the department is currently involved:

17 intersection greens	A 5-acre park
Town Hall and Gazebo grounds	7 cemeteries
Legion Memorial Ball fields	Town Library
Police/Fire Station grounds	Town Skating Rink
Water Department properties	Friendship Park Playground
School Department properties	

Town greens and lawns are continually upgraded and monitored for insect and disease problems. During 2005, 59 Town trees were removed or trimmed. Residents are urged to call if they have an obstructed area near their home. Poison ivy and hornet/wasp eradication was carried out during the summer for Town residents.

A private crane and/or bucket truck was contracted for large tree maintenance Mass Electric helps the Town remove any dead trees near wires. This co-op program has been very successful. Our Town was also recognized again this year as an 12th Year "Tree City USA" recipient. With the support of local donors an Arbor Day program was conducted at the Howard and Rose L. Macdonald Schools, which included a concert and a tree, donated from our Beautification Fund. Residents can request to have trees planted in the fall.

Department vehicles and equipment include:

1997 Brush bandit chipper	1994 F-350 Ford Dump
1993 Graverly 72" cut tractor	1995 F-800 Ford Dump
1997 Graverly 72" cut tractor	1999 F-150 Ford Pick-Up
2000 Kubota Tractor	2004 F-450 Ford Dump

We have five (5) funds under the department which we manage and to which we encourage donations.

Stars and Stripes – includes funds for all the Town flags.
Holiday Decoration Fund –used to supply and upgrade holiday decorations throughout and Town.
Beautification – to supply trees, shrubs, flowers, mulch, etc. for al public areas in Town.
Gazebo Concert Series Fund – to pay for the entertainment for the concert series.

Friendship Park Playground Fund – to supply new equipment for the Town playground.

Our 13th Annual Gazebo Concert Series was held in summer 2005. Five concerts were presented, free to the public, on Monday evenings throughout the summer. Plans are now being made for the 2006 summer program. Our thanks are extended to the area businesses and civic groups that totally sponsored this program.

Our 10th Annual "Culture for Children" summer entertainment program was held at Friendship Park Playground this summer on Tuesday evenings. This program was a great success. Plans are now being made for the 2006 Summer Series. Engraved bricks are still being sold to raise money for the expansion of Friendship Park.

As budgets become tighter each year, new ways have to be found to fund projects. To allow the Park, trees, or Town properties to decline is not sound for a town that has invested so much in maintaining these things over the years. We always need fresh ideas by employees, townspeople, and volunteers to keep things moving forward in a positive direction.

I extend sincere thanks to all of my co-workers who have helped me over the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Iannitelli

Christopher D. Iannitelli
Forestry and Parks Superintendent

The Highway Department

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Thomas C. Greer
Highway Superintendent

Annual Report from the Highway Superintendent

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of West Bridgewater, I respectfully submit my 2005 annual report for the Highway Department.

Equipment
The following is an inventory of department equipment.

2004 F-750 4X4 dump truck
2003 F-750 dump truck
2001 F550 dump truck
1993 F800 dump truck
1998 F800 dump truck
1975 Sidewalk plow
1970 Bucket loader
5 road sanding attachments
2004 F-750
2005 F-450 1 ton dump truck
2004 Volvo Loader L-60E
1997 1-ton dump truck
1998 Crown Vic car
2000 Street sweeper
1975 roadside mower
1992 John Deere backhoe
1974 Massey Ferguson tractor

Chapter 90
This year reclaimed, paved and applied road markings to Rt. 106. This project was $ 430,000.00.

Manley Street Reconstruction Project
Finally this project is continuing forward and has gone out to bid. This 4.2 million project is moving forward. Hopefully we will start construction Spring of 06.

Winter Conditions
The snowstorms were frequent and the icing conditions kept the department busy. Sanders and plows were deployed on 33 separate occasions to maintain safe driving conditions in the Town. Four of our trucks have been outfitted to use Ice Ban as a de-icer, which has proven to be very effective combating the icing conditions. We also incurred eight plowable snow storms. The winter of 04/05 was one of the worst in recent memory. The cost incurred was $ 325,000.00.

School Projects
We helped clean the High School of obsolete equipment, swept the schools with the Street Sweeper, cleaned drains, repaired a basin at the Spring Street School, and

cleaned up after the High School Thanksgiving bonfire. We jack hammered the entrance to the Spring Street School to meet ADA requirements, and formed an entrance for the new concrete. We also installed ADA signs, and applied hot mix where necessary.

Library

We removed slate blocks at entrance prepared front entrance for concrete and did additional drainage work..

Transfer Station

The Metal Collection Day in the spring was successful as well as the Hazardous Waste Day in September. The cost for the Hazardous Waste disposal amounted to $11,460.00 this year. The cost for trash hauling increased to $45 per ton and recycling costs vary between $10-$20 per ton. Last year the Town generated 3168 tons of trash, with recyclable products accounting for 250 tons. This recycling is mandated by the State and any violations result in substantial fines to the Town. I wish to thank Richard Jefferson for his efforts to please all residents everyday. All new concrete pads were poured by the Highway Department and a fourth pad was poured for a future compactor. We screened 200 yards of compost, which was tested by UMASS for resident usage.

Street Sweeper

The sweeper was out on a daily basis, cleaning the streets of the Town.

Drainage Projects

We have been aggressively cleaning head walls and drainage ditches. Listed below are locations that were cleaned.

			2004
Beacon Street	Harvestwood Drive	South Elm Street	Highland to Elm St
Elm Square	North Elm Street	Walnut Street	Elm Square
East Street	Pleasant Street	West Center Street	Walnut Street
Francis Avenue	Scotland Street	Route 106 Lincoln	Howard St, West St., Pleasant St., East Center St., East Street

Guard Rails

In keeping with our country charm, 6x8 pressure treated posts and rails were installed on Walnut Street, South Elm Street and Crescent Street.

I offer my sincere appreciation to my staff for their dedication and efforts. In addition to day-to-day responsibilities, each contributes to the quality of this department Charlie Bunker skillfully operates the heavy equipment. Kenny Berry drives tirelessly in the street sweeper, insuring safe and clean roads. Foreman Bill Kovatis and Shawn Anderson work steadily to keep the department vehicles and equipment in repair and operational. Mike Hutchinson keeps all roadside mowing under control on a regular basis. Thanks also to Sue Kent who keeps our paperwork and reports in order. I also

extend my thanks to the Selectman, and all Departments Heads throughout the town, for their daily support. I would also like to congratulate my men for receiving the trophy at the Veteran's Day Parade for Best Theme.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Green
Highway Superintendent

Town Of West Bridgewater
Vehicle Maintenance Department

March 28, 2006

To the Honorable Board Of Selectmen & Residents of West Bridgewater:

I, the Vehicle Maintenance Superintendent, respectfully submit my annual report for the year ending December 31, 2005.

Due to fiscal constraints the number of new vehicles purchased by the Police Department and other town departments was either kept to a minimum or none at all. Currently, we have 3 cruisers registering mileage of over 100,000. The town should now consider the purchase of new cruisers.

The Vehicle Maintenance Department continues to work to maintain the town equipment and keep it in good working order for the safety of the employees & the good community.

I would like to thank the other Town Departments for the additional manpower they provide when the work load requires it.

Thank you,

Leonard W. Graf, III

Town of West Bridgewater
COUNCIL ON AGING

To the Honorable Board Of Selectman & Residents of the Town of West Bridgewater:

As Director of Elder Services, I submit this Annual Report of the Council on Aging for the year ending December 31, 2005. I am happy to report that the participation and programs of the Dep. of Elder Services continue to grow. It's a great department have in our community.

Phone Calls for Information and Referrals	5,208	
Congregate Meals Served (duplicated)	6,746	
Fuel Assistance Applicants	74	
Dial A Bat Trips (duplicated)	1,274	
COA Shuttle Client Trips (duplicated)	4,110	
Home Delivered Meals on Wheels (dup.)	3,702	
Recreational Trips	DAY	OVERNIGHT
	48	3
Medicare Applicants	33	
Mass. Health Applicants	24	
Food Stamp Applicants	20	
Supportive Care Clients	19	
Line Dancing Program participants (duplicated)	641	
Bridge Club (duplicated)	1,429	
Outreach Contacts	605	
Flu Clinic Participation	300	
Blood Pressure Test participants	80	
S.erving H.ealth I.nformation		
N.eeds of E.lders	76	
Tai Chi participants (duplicated)	443	
Education & Senior Outreach Programs	6	
Legal Outreach participants	23	
Mah Jongg participants	12	
Knitting & Craft Club participants	8	
Hearing test participants	7	
Bingo participants (duplicated)	3,063	
Special events (duplicated)	544	
Quilting Class participants	5	
Strength & Fitness Class participants	14	

Thank you,

Mary Harrington Graf
Director Of Elder Services

West Bridgewater Public Schools

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Linda R. Naimey
Director of Special Education

Annual Report from the Director of Special Education

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of West Bridgewater:

I am pleased to report that the West Bridgewater Public Schools continue to be a school system that takes pride in providing an outstanding program for students with special needs. I can state with confidence that we have teachers that work very hard to accomplish the educational goals of each of their students. First and foremost we work to include every student in an educational setting that meets their needs while keeping them included with their classmates as much as possible.

Spring Street School houses our Early Childhood Center. Pre-school students from the age of three to five are included with Play Pals in classroom settings that allow for all students to work at their developmental level. The Kindergarten program at the Spring Street School has an optional all-day program and special needs students are included in both full and half-day classrooms.

At our elementary schools, the Rose L. MacDonald and Howard Schools, Teachers of Special Education along with Instructional Assistants provide services both in the classroom and in small group or individual settings. The Middle/Senior High School also provides special education help both in class and in directed or individual settings.

System-wide, we have two speech therapists that provide articulation and language services as needed for students in Pre-K to 12th grade. An Adaptive Physical Education (A.P.E.) Teacher provides individual services or in-class support for those students who need to work on developing motor skills.

Services for Occupational Therapy (O.T.) and Physical Therapy (P.T.) are provided through READS Collaborative. Students who need assistance with fine motor or physical skills receive their services from the collaborative staff. This utilization of collaborative services allows us to provide cost-effective services by sharing staff with other school districts.

West Bridgewater is part of both the READS Collaborative and the North River Collaborative. Our association with these collaboratives allows us access to specialized services, testing and out-of-district placements for our students. As a small school system, West Bridgewater benefits by joining with other school systems to provide cost-effective programming.

As required by state and federal laws, The West Bridgewater Special Education Department conducts special needs screening of all students entering kindergarten. Additionally, referrals are accepted during the year for children as they turn 3 years of age if parents or service providers feel the child may have special needs. The annual child-find and kindergarten special needs screening is conducted in April and May of each year.

In summary, the West Bridgewater Special Education Department provides a comprehensive program of screening, assessment and special education services. Services are provided based upon the individual needs of each student and are provided in the most inclusive setting possible. The staff of the Special Education Department is to be commended for their unwavering dedication to their students.

Respectively submitted,

Linda R. Naimey

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Director of Special Education

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of West Bridgewater:

During 2005, the students of West Bridgewater once again exhibited a commitment to academic excellence. Through hard work and the support of all staff members, parents and citizens, West Bridgewater students have for the fifth straight year met the state graduation requirements by passing the MCAS exams. By instilling in our students the desire for lifelong learning, 92 % of the class of 2005 furthered their education through attending institutions of higher learning.

True to the West Bridgewater tradition of a balanced education, 70% of our students participated in extra-curricula activities. Our athletic teams continued to be victorious at all levels. Drama and band programs entertained the community throughout the year.

As in the past several years, the School Department continues to carefully monitor our financial position. In an effort to help our community's precarious financial situation the School Department participates in the Massachusetts School Choice program. By allowing non-resident students to attend our schools for a fee that is paid by their town of residence, we are able to raise additional non-tax based revenue for school programs. Using these funds we have been able to restore 17 staff positions eliminated in previous years, hire a language teacher for the middle school and resist implementing restrictive bus and activity fees on our students.

Moving into 2006, the School Committee looks forward to meeting the challenges facing all aspects of education and is committed to academic excellence at all levels.

Respectively submitted,

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Annual Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of West Bridgewater,

The West Bridgewater Public Schools would like to thank the residents of West Bridgewater for their continued support of our educational system. There is a definite sense of pride in West Bridgewater, exhibited by the School Committee, Selectmen, Finance Committee, and other Town Committees. Because of our dedicated staff who contribute their time, energy, effort and resources to our children, the School Department is able to continue to provide quality education to each child.

Accomplishments and Highlights of 2005 include:

- The number of students at the Middle/Senior High School, who left for "other" schools, has decreased.
- The inter-district school choice program has expanded from for 60 students to 100 students, an additional $500,000 revenue from the State.
- Mathematics instruction was featured in 10 of the "Superintendent's Corner" cable broadcasts.
- The community became aware of the need for a major renovation at the Middle/Senior High School. Work took place with the Municipal Building Needs Committee for this group to survey all school roofs and make the necessary plans to repair the roofs.
- The Technology Trust Fund gained tremendous support. Through President Jonathan Sharkey's help, the Trust has already raised over $3,000 for use in the purchase of the new "Smart Board" Technologies for the classrooms. The Trust hopes to be able to support at least one board per grade by the end of 2006.
- Held in April 2005 the first joint session of the Strategic Plan Committee that included School Site Councils.

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- This was the fifth year of the Strategic Plan. Approximately thirty individuals representing parents, community members, teachers and administrators comprise the Strategic Planning Team. They identified seven goals, which served as a guide for the District's improvement efforts. They meet once a month to move forward on the action plans for each goal. The West Bridgewater School Committee and I acknowledge the members of the Strategic Planning Team and their work. They welcome other members of the community to join. Below is the Strategic Plan:

  - Increase student achievement
  - Develop seamless curriculum K-12 based on state frameworks
  - Establish effective communication
  - Upgrade and maintain building and grounds
  - Expand and improve use of technology
  - Increase the financial stability of the District

- The Chapter 70 State level aid to education was again level funded. Thanks to the School Choice Program we were able to hire eighteen teaching positions and purchase textbooks and computers from the additional revenue of School Choice. We are hopeful for the first time in several years the District will be able to once again increase Chapter 70 money to our school system.

The school community, a closely knit group, have once again kept their focus on what is the best intent of the children of the Town of West Bridgewater and have worked with the administrators to do more for the schools with fewer dollars in the school budget.

Many thanks to the School Committee, parents, teachers, administration and staff for their tireless efforts for the students of the community.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert White

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Superintendent of Schools

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TOWN REPORT FOR THE MIDDLE/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of West Bridgewater:

The year 2005 was very successful for the students in the Middle/Senior High School.

All members of our class of 2007 have passed the state mandated MCAS tests. As I am sure you are aware, a student cannot receive a high school diploma if they have not passed the English/Language Arts and Mathematics MCAS exams. All members of the classes of 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, and 2007 have passed.

Ninety per cent of the class of 2005 has been accepted to go on to post secondary education. Seven students have joined the work force. Some of the colleges our seniors were accepted at include: Wheaton College, Boston College, Northeastern University, Simmons College, Seton Hall University, Clemson University, DePaul University, Worcester Tech, Clarkson University, LaSalle University, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, St. Lawrence University, University of Vermont, and DiGiPen Institute of Technology. Many others chose to stay closer to home with acceptances to Bridgewater State College, Stonehill College, and the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth.

Twelve seniors were recognized by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as John and Abigail Adams Scholarship winners. This award is based on the student's MCAS exams and entitles each student to a tuition free scholarship at any state college or state university in Massachusetts

Three of our students received recognition awards for excellence in acting at the Massachusetts High School Drama Guild Festival. Also, our students were recognized for original lighting and set design for the shadow box used in one of their productions.

The West Bridgewater tradition of athletic excellence continued this past year. We had four league championships and ten teams qualify for the MIAA athletic tournaments. Aside from the

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team accomplishments, thirty of our athletes were named as league all stars, four were named as all-scholastic players and four coaches were chosen by their peers as being coaches of the year.

In the fall of 2005 alone, our field hockey team won the Eastern Athletic Conference while being the number one seed in the MIAA tournament, and the Girls' Cross Country team won the Mayflower League Championship. The golf, boys' soccer, and girl's soccer teams all qualified for tourney play. Also during this time period, twenty of the student athletes were named to league all-star teams, and three were recognized as all scholastic players. During the winter of 2005, the girls' basketball team won the league championship for the fourth consecutive year and qualified for the MIAA tournament for the 26th consecutive season.

The Middle/Senior High School had 99 students enroll through the "school choice program." The monies that came from this program allowed us to restore many positions that we lost due to previous budget cuts. The restored positions include a full time social studies teacher, a part-time television-media position, a part-time school social worker, and a part-time physical education teacher. We were also able to hire a part-time Instructional Technology teacher, a special education teacher, as well as outfitting a new computer lab. We also were able to introduce a full-time foreign language program for grades 7 and 8 with the hiring of an additional teacher. The moneys also paid for new textbooks for foreign language and social studies programs. Whereas neighboring school districts have been facing severe financial hardships, the school choice program has allowed us to continue to offer the very best to the students of West Bridgewater.

Respectfully submitted,

Lew Klaiman

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Principal

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Town Report of the Howard School

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of West Bridgewater,

Howard School began the school year for students on Wednesday, September 7, 2005 with 277 students in grades four, five, and six. All faculty and staff reported to school on Tuesday September 6 and on Friday, September 9th all staff participated in a school wide professional development workshop for Special Education.

Once again, personnel changes had a significant impact on the Howard School. First, Mrs. Ellen Gambee returned to the Howard School as our half time Reading Specialist. Mr. Randall Overbaugh was hired to be our new our band instructor and Ms Paula Karol moved from Spring Street School to the Howard School to take over as the Howard School nurse.

Students continue to receive daily instruction in Reading, Language Arts (written and spoken), Spelling, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. Special emphasis is given to the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks to ensure that all students are well prepared for the state assessment tests (MCAS). In addition, students receive instruction in Art, Music (vocal or instrumental), Computer Technology, Health, Library Science and Physical Education on a weekly basis.

Once again, the students at the Howard School were also offered the opportunity to participate in a wide variety of extracurricular programs through our participation with the North River Collaborative under the 21st Century Community Learning Centers After School Programs. We thank Ms Sarah Dowling for organizing and leading these outstanding programs. The programs include: After School Athletics, Computer Classes, Sign Language Classes, Dance, Art, and Cooking.

Mrs. Sally Romano continued on in the role of Language Arts Team Leader for the Howard School. She continues to meet regularly with the staff in grades four, five and six to evaluate our writing strengths. All students in grades four five and six continue to participate in district wide long composition development. The emphasis in language arts continues to be one that encourages students to develop excellent communication skills both through oral communication and written communication. In the area of reading, students are continually encouraged to develop and improve their reading level and use their reading skills to learn. At the intermediate level, the emphasis continues to be reading and writing to learn. This year students in the sixth grade competed for the fourth year in the Readers Digest National Word Power Challenge. Mr. Erik Youngberg, was the school champion.

A significant amount of time and energy was spent on professional development in the area of Mathematics. Evelyn Bandlow, Howard School Mathematics Team Leader, continued to work with all teachers in grades 4-6 to improve our math skills. During the months of January and February, all students participated in a "Know Your Multiplication Facts" program. Students took a weekly test of 100 multiplication facts to see if they could improve their knowledge of the facts. In addition, a Family Math night was held for students and parents in March.

Mrs. Jeanne Menton, Howard School Social Studies/Science Team Leader has worked with the teachers to update our science and social studies curriculum. In addition, Mr. DeMello organized the National Geographic Goegraphy Bee. This year, Kevin Cross, a sixth grade student became the school Geography Bee Champion.

Mrs. Beth Smith and Mrs. April McDermott from the West Bridgewater Public Library again continued to work with Mrs. Marie Dowling, the school Librarian, to provide additional library services for the Howard School students. Classes visited the Public Library on a regular basis throughout the school year and the Friends of the Library under the direction of Marianne Lorray arranged for grades 4, 5 and 6 to participate in the RIF program.

The West Bridgewater P.T.O provided the Howard School students with many enrichment programs that tied directly to the curriculum. These programs included: Native Americans, An Egyptian Specialist, Learning About China, Jason Newton, the Map Maker, Amelia Earhart, Abe Lincoln; as well as funding for student participation in the Mathematics Olympiad program and the National Geographic Geography Bee and for various other necessary educational materials. We thank them once again for their dedication and efforts on behalf of the children and staff.

The Howard School staff continues to review the curriculum to ensure that we are meeting the state curriculum frameworks in all areas. Our goal continues to be to provide a quality education for all our students. Students are involved in group activities, individual learning activities and cooperative learning activities. All instruction is geared to maximize the learning of each individual student.

The Howard School Council met on the second Thursday of the month throughout the school year. Council members include: Mrs. Anne Iannitelli, Mrs. Sherry Harris, Mrs. Christine Bertarelli, Mrs. Leslie Antonangeli, Mrs. Stephanie Savoy, Mrs. Patricia Mayer, Mrs. Maureen Rosa, Mrs. Jeanne Menton, and Mrs. Marie Dowling. They reviewed the Howard School budget, revised the school improvement plan, and looked for ways to make the Howard School building the very best it could be. We thank them for their tireless efforts on behalf of all of the students and staff.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the parent volunteers, faculty and staff members involved with the students in grades 4, 5, and 6 for their dedication and effort throughout the school year.

"We are a school where staff and students excel, parents and community care."

Respectfully submitted,

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Town Report of the Rose L. MacDonald School

To the Honorable Selectman and the citizens of West Bridgewater:

As of January 1, 2006, there are 256 students are enrolled at the Rose L. MacDonald School. Rose L. MacDonald houses four classes each of grades one, two and three, for a total of twelve classrooms. The faculty includes twelve certified classroom teachers, two certified special education teachers, four certified special education instructional assistants, a school nurse, and a school secretary. A school psychologist, who provides counseling and administers testing for student evaluations, and a speech and language pathologist are shared with the WB Middle/Senior High School and Spring St School. A part-time instructional technology specialist helps teachers integrate subject content with Internet resources and educational software.

While the district did not qualify for Title One federal funds again this year, the school was able, with money provided through the school choice option in West Bridgewater, to provide academic support services for students at Rose L MacDonald School. A full-time reading specialist and a part-time math specialist support students who require small group instructional sessions in addition to their classroom instruction.

The Massachusetts Frameworks are aligned with curriculum to address the preparation of students for the state standardized testing requirements. Students receive daily Math instruction using the *Everyday Math Program.* It is an engaging, hands-on program that scaffolds learners as they move from concrete to abstract and symbolic processes in math cognition. It provides ample experiences for the application of math concepts in practical, authentic experiences.

English Language Arts instruction addresses all areas of literacy, including listening, speaking, reading, and writing. An assortment of instructional materials addresses these skill areas, and teachers utilize a repertoire of established teaching strategies. A balanced literacy program, one that employs a variety of research-based, effective teaching practices, is at the heart of reading instruction. The Houghton Mifflin *Invitations to Literacy* program is currently utilized at each grade level. Science and Social Studies standards are addressed through the reading program with the use of nonfiction children's literature. Children at Rose L. MacDonald also receive instruction in library skills, art, music, health and physical education each week.

School council meetings take place on the second Tuesday of each month at the Rose L. MacDonald School, at which parents, teachers and community members meet with the principal. Based on the council's recommendations, a School Improvement Plan is written to outline goals for the coming year that align with the district's Strategic Plan.

The self-supporting after school enrichment program has continued into its third year. Under the leadership of Lead School Nurse Julie Amaral, and with the help of teachers as program leaders, a variety of courses on improvisation, dance, arts and crafts, technology, reading and music are offered to youngsters during the program's sixteen-week run.

A Surround Care program is offered at the Rose L. MacDonald School that provides working parents with convenient and affordable childcare both before and after the school day. Childcare providers organize recreational events, help students with homework, and provide snacks to students in grades one through six.

P.T.O. president Mrs. Cindi Vanderstreet, along with the P.T.O. officers and members, has continued to work throughout the year on fundraising efforts that provide many enrichment programs related to the curriculum at each grade level. A dedicated core of parent volunteers provide teachers with support by volunteering time and energy in a variety of ways, both in and out of the classroom.

Thanks to the ongoing work of town resident Mariann Lorray and the Friends of the West Bridgewater Public Library, children receive free books three times a year from the Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) program.

In conclusion, I would like to commend the faculty, staff and families who all continue to work tirelessly and cohesively to provide a quality, all-inclusive education for the children of the Rose L. MacDonald School.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda G. Dubin

Mrs. Linda G. Dubin
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Town Report of the Spring Street School

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of West Bridgewater,

The Spring Street School is an Early Childhood Education Center that caters to the unique needs of children ages 3 through 5. Currently there are two Integrated Pre School Classes, four Kindergarten Classes (two full day classrooms and two half day classrooms) and one Pre-school Playtime Class.

The school year for these students began on Monday, September 12, 2005 with 37 students in pre-school and 77 students in kindergarten and 25 in the pre-school playtime program. In addition, to the regular day programs, the West Bridgewater Public Schools also has a "Surround Care" or "Before and After School Child Care" program.

There were several staff changes and additions at the Spring Street School. These include Ms Erin Donahue, joined the school as both an instructional assistant and as our Before and After School teacher, Mrs. LeeAnn Errington and Mrs. Catherine McGrath were hired as the new Integrated Pre-school instructional assistants and Ms Kara Humphries joined Mrs. Sidman's classroom as instructional assistant.

Students receive daily instruction in readiness and pre-reading, writing and mathematics instruction. We have been certified by the NAEYC (National Association for Education of Young Children) and special emphasis is given to the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks to ensure that all students are well prepared for their school experience. Our goal continues to be to provide a quality education for all our students and all instruction is geared to maximize the learning of each individual student. In addition, students receive instruction in Art, Music, Health, Library and Physical Education on a weekly basis.

We would like to thank the West Bridgewater P.T.O for provided the Spring Street School with the annual PTO Book Fair, Read Across America, and Mother Goose.

The Spring Street School Improvement Council met throughout the school year to find ways to improve the facility and programs. Council members include: Mrs. Anita Lebrecque, Mrs. Christina Reed, Mrs. Marianne Welch-Batstone, Mrs. Jennifer Smith, Mrs. Sandra Walsh and Mrs. Joyce Francis. The Council reviewed the Spring Street School budget, developed a new school improvement plan, and looked for ways to make the Early Childhood Center the very best it could be. We thank them for their tireless efforts on behalf of all of the students and staff.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the parent volunteers, faculty and staff members involved with the students for their dedication and effort throughout the school year.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce R. Francis
Principal

REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Eugene Kostecki, School Committee Member

The Southeastern Regional School District offers twenty vocational/technical training programs at its high school and five post-secondary programs at its technical institute. On October 1, 2005, 1215 students were enrolled in the high school and 136 students were enrolled in the technical institute. This was an increase of nineteen students over last year. West Bridgewater had 46 students enrolled in Southeastern.

Southeastern Regional is affiliated with the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) to develop ways to improve the delivery of vocational-technical education to our students. The SREB and their High Schools That Work (HSTW) program is a nationally-recognized school reform network. Much of the improvements of Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) scores, including increased promotion, retention and graduation rates for Southeastern students are the result of improvements that were initiated through the HSTW program. The teacher-led HSTW team developed an action plan for the next three years focusing on reading, writing, and mathematics and an Advisor/Advisee program for incoming students. Teachers and administrators from Southeastern Regional shared their successes through presentations at the HSTW national conference this year.

The Southeastern Regional Football team won the Division IV Super Bowl defeating O'Bryant High of Boston 28-7. This was the second year in a row that the Southeastern Hawks brought home the Division IV title. Fourteen students placed in the Skills USA state competition, and one student won a Gold Medal from the Business Professionals of America and competed in the national competition in San Diego, California.

MY TURN, a private non-profit organization, continues to provide students with school-to-career activities.

Southeastern Regional graduated 234 students, the highest number of graduates in the past ten years. Students from the Class of 2005 were required to pass the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) for graduation. Ninety-seven percent of the class received diplomas after meeting this requirement. Placement records indicate that 96.7% of the Class of 2005 were placed in full-time jobs or had elected to pursue post-secondary education.

Program Advisory Committees met in November and April to discuss and provide recommendations for curriculum, instruction and equipment improvements to allow each program to meet industry standards. These committees, made up of industry representatives, parents, and students met again in May to discuss their conclusions and make recommendations to the Southeastern Regional School District Committee. These recommendations are the basis for the continuing improvement of programs at Southeastern.

The Southeastern Technical Institute continues to operate five full-time day programs: Licensed Practical Nursing, Medical Assisting, Administrative Office Technology, Dental Assisting, and Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC). The Technical Institute works closely with the business community to assure students' skills match the skills required by employers. The strongest labor market demand in this area continues to be in the healthcare field.

The Evening School has classes scheduled Monday through Thursday. We continue to recruit new evening school teachers and look for new programs. Classes range from one-night seminars to two and three-night per week courses. Special computer courses for seniors are also offered. The Technical Institute is interested in offering additional customized training programs to business and industry.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR OF THE WEST BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY

The highlight of 2005 was the Trustees Reception to celebrate the naming of the Children's Room in the memory of James I. Grandfield, the Library Trustee who was instrumental in leading the community action that resulted in the new library building that opened in May 1990. Participants in the Sunday afternoon October 2 ceremony were Joseph M. Utka, Clarence Willard, Brian H. Lanner, Robert L. Sullivan, Helen S. Millet, R. Wayne Legge, Matthew P. Albanese, Beth Roll Smith, Ellen M. Snow, Paul M. Snow, John P. Grandfield, Jane Cartier, Rev. Dr. Carol Ashton, Mrs. James L. Grandfield, and Brian J. Grandfield. Over 75 community members and family attended the ceremony which paid tribute to the life, character, and accomplishments of Mr. Grandfield. Following the program Katie Green performed as a storyteller for Hans Christian Andersen's 200th Birthday Party Celebration with a craft session following. A Student Art show from the art classes of teachers Justin Finley and Elizabeth Chrisman of the West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High School was presented as part of the celebration also.

"Going Places At Your Library", the summer reading program theme, attracted 300 children for a successful summer of reading activities. The end of program ice cream party featured John Porcino with his program, "Tales and Songs From Around the World." The children received their certificates at the same time. Other events presented were story time and crafts, Camp Library, teddy bear story time, story time and toddler time, Sing along Concert with Amy and Bill Lyons, Harry Potter Read-a-thon, the Red Cross Babysitting course, and the weekly summer reading raffle with donated prizes from local businesses and individuals. Songs and Stories by Davis Bates, Little Hands, A Musical Adventure, Unseen Borders: Stories in Sign/Voice, Everybody Says Hello were summer programs funded with grant money from the Trustees of the Howard Funds and the West Bridgewater Local Cultural Council.

The Adopt-a-Book program was successful in the spring with forty adult and children's books adopted by WBPL patrons. During the year the Children's Department hosted a variety of programs for children, parents, and caregivers including, "Music Together" with Gwyneth Marini in four complimentary performances. End of Hibernation puppet show, Let's talk About Kindness with children's author Sarah Lamstein, Magic and More, Big Ryan's Tall Tales, and Fun With Energy were funded by the Howard Trust. A special program given was "All About Monkeys" by resident Sona Hoisington. North River Collaborative sponsored "Baby and Me" monthly workshops. Story time for four and five year olds as well as Toddler Time for two and three year olds were held throughout the year. Total participation was 1,120 children and adults.

Community Service volunteer hours by five West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High School students and one home schooled student were supervised by Jane Cartier in the Children's Room in conjunction with the National Honor Society, Junior National Honor Society, and Key Club advisors. The students who gave their time were Megan Beyer, Jessica Chan, Stephanie Diehl,

Anthony Kinahan, Christie Testa, and Emaleigh Robson. The fourth, fifth, and sixth graders from the Howard School continue to utilize the WBPL during monthly morning library class visits with school librarian, Mrs. Dowling. One hundred kindergarten children were welcomed to the Library in November and introduced to the library services offered. The children were able to sign up for their own library cards. The Children's Dept. was a recipient of four Brockton Rox tickets that were used as gifts and a generous check from the Mom's Club of East/West Bridgewater that purchase five children's books.

Nanette Ryan became the new Assistant Reference Librarian. Michelle Sheehan has joined the staff as a Substitute Library Assistant.

The Library has built a collection of materials numbering 71,795 now and received 5,448 new items in the year. Circulation in the year was 63,488. There are 6,189 registered borrowers of which 4,437 are West Bridgewater residents. The Library website is www.sailsinc.org/westbridgewater. On the website there are links to Library Calendar of All Events. The bimonthly Library Newsletter is HeddaLines edited by Ginalaurisa Shea. Webmaster is Jane Cartier.

The Library thanks the Friends of the Library and all the volunteers for the full schedule of fascinating programs and the continuation of the Reading Is Fundamental (R.I.F.) program. Friends member dues, receipts from the ongoing book sale, and private donations fund the R.I.F. distribution of paperback books to the students in grades one through five in the town in January, May, and September distributions. Over 19,000 books have been distributed in this program since its start in 1989.

The Library Staff joins me in thanking the citizens of West Bridgewater who continuously support the Public Library. We appreciate that residents recognize that library services are an integral part of community life.

Respectfully submitted,

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To the Honorable Selectmen, elected officials, appointed officials, and residents of West Bridgewater:

The Library Board of Trustees takes great pleasure in presenting the 2005 annual report to the Town of West Bridgewater.

This past year has seen another exciting and productive year for the West Bridgewater Public Library. As Trustees we have worked with the Library Director, Beth Roll Smith, implementing new policies. With the support of the Board of Selectmen, the Finance Committee, elected officials, appointed officials, and residents we have been able to put together an annual budget to meet the library's needs and goals. With adequate financing the library will continue to offer the high level of service that patrons expect and deserve.

The special event this year was the dedication ceremony to name the Children's Room in honor of retired Trustee James L. Grandfield. Jim was instrumental in the process that saw the start and completion of the new library building that opened in May 1990. The October 2 ceremony drew a crowd of 75 residents, family, and friends for a formal program and naming of the Children's Room as the James L. Grandfield Memorial Children's Room.

As we are halfway through the first decade in the twenty first century we are proud that the Library has kept abreast of computer technology with the SAILS Library Network, changes in trends, the educational needs of students as well as adults, and the updating of the Library's collection of materials which totals 63,488 in December 2005.

The Library works with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners and its *Strategic Plan for the Future of Library Services in Massachusetts.* The MBLC funds the services of the Southeastern Massachusetts Library System (SEMLS) which supports forty electronic databases, six day a week delivery service of reserved materials, the Virtual Catalog for patrons to obtain materials from libraries statewide. The MBLC allocates federal funds in the Library Services and Technology Act grant rounds of which the library has been conferred many grant opportunities over the years.

As residents of West Bridgewater as well as Library Trustees, we are proud of the Library and the services it has to offer. We will continue to strive and seek out new opportunities that will improve library services to meet the demand of its patrons. We encourage residents to use the library to enrich and to turn their lives into a lifelong learning experience.

In closing the Board of Trustees would like to thank the staff, all the volunteers, the Friends of the Library, patrons, residents, the Municipal Building Needs Committee led by Selectman Victor Flaherty, the Forestry Department led by Chris Iannitelli, the Highway Department, and officials who continue to give their support.

The Board of trustees meets the second Wednesday of every month at 6:30 PM in the Historical Room of the Library. The Board consists of six trustees elected to three year terms with two positions up for election each year. If a resident is interested in serving on the Library Board of Trustees, please contact the Town Clerk for details or write to the Chairman of the Board care of the West Bridgewater Public Library.

Respectfully submitted,

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It is with great pleasure that we submit this, our annual report to the residence of West Bridgewater.

Again this year, the Health Department underwent many positive changes. We continue to restructure many of our department procedures; this has helped maximize our staff's time and our available resources. The Board of Health meets in 1st floor large meeting room in Town Hall. We meet on the 1st, 3rd and when applicable 5th Thursday of the month at 6:00pm. During the summer months of June, July & August we meet at 4:00pm. The health information center at town hall is always being update with new and interesting health information. You can find information on a number of health related issues. All the informational brochures and books are free.

We are now in our second year with the Health Agent, Robert Casper. Casper bought with him knowledge, energy and professionalism. He is committed to making our town a safe and health place to live. The Board and our staff have continued its commitment to being educated in health related fields. We have set a goal of having one health related guest speakers each month. These meetings are open to the public, we will do our best to inform the you each time we have a guest speaker. We also continue our professional development; this is often accomplished at the employee or board members own expense. We have run our department to the best of our ability within the restraints of our budget. As the needs and responsibility of our department continue to grow, our department budget gets tighter and tighter. Board members have taken hands on approach to enhance our department and to help make up for the staffing shortage. It is the consent of the Board that a full time inspector is needed to handle the ever-growing workload.

We have recently entered into an agreement with West Bridgewater resident, Arthur Cabral as the Departments primary Review Engineer. This change will not only save the department a great deal of money, but will help speed up the some times lengthy process for installing a new septic system. The board is very pleased with his work and his commitment to the department.

The Health Department secured an additional $400,000 to help continues the Betterment Program. The program funds low interest loans to residence for the purpose of upgrading failed septic systems. It should be noted that this program is not intended for preparing a home to be sold. We thank Kevin Sullivan and our secretary Darlene Green for their assistance with the program.

With the cooperation of the Fire Department we have be able to continue our sharps program. This program is in place to be sure that residences have a proper place to dispose of their used sharps and lancets. To give residence better access to the disposal site, it is located at the Fire Department. We thank the Fire Chief and his department for their cooperation

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The responsibility of the department continues to change. The Health Department is responsible for preparing and maintaining plans to handle extreme situations, such as a small pox epidemic created by terrorists and most recently the Bird Flu risks. This plan must be updated each year. We have made it a priority to work closely with other town and state departments in this task. We were fortunate to have received a grant to help equip and prepare the town for a number of unspeakable situations.

We would like to thank Linda Davidson for her service on the Board of Health. Linda, with her nursing experience was a huge asset to the department during her time on the Board. Linda was appointer to the board in October and chose not to run for the seat at election time. John Cruz was elected to the Board at the Annual Town Election, for a 1 year term. John has worked hard acquainting himself with the operation of the department and has continued with our practice of being hands on with the day to day operations. John is a welcomed addition and proven asset to the board.

We were fortunate to have been able to fund our contract with Partners Health Care Inc. Partners delivers a number of health services, including the Flu Clinics to the residence of our town at no cost to the participants. For some residence the services provided by Partners is the only health services they receive. We thank our Nurse, Doreen Zeller for her continued commitment to serve our residence

Our Department continues to sponsor the Board of Health's Dog, and Cat Rabies Vaccination Clinic, held each April. We thank Dr Andelman of Westbridge Veterinary Hospital for his assistance; he has helped make this program a great success.

The Board thanks our Secretary Darlene Green, Health Agent Robert Casper, and our review engineers for their commitment to keeping our town healthy. We thank Pat Turner and Joyce Micciantuono our part time/fill-in secretaries for always being there for us when we need them. We thank our Animal Inspectors, Burial Agents, and all the town departments and boards for their cooperation and assistance. Most of all we thank the residence for giving us the opportunity to serve on the Board of Health.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry D Lawrence
Chairman
Howard W Hayward
Clerk
John Cruz
Member

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER
OFFICE OF BOARD OF HEALTH
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Report of the Animal Inspector

To the Honorable Board of Health & Selectman
We here by respectfully submit our annual report:

Horses – 127
Steers – 3
Ponies – 8
Ducks – 155
Chickens – 151
Llamas –5
Beef - 22
Dairy Cows – 200
Pigs – 6
Turkeys – 4700
Sheep – 10
Goats – 11
Rabbits – 4

Respectfully submitted,
Howard & Lee Anderson
Inspectors of Animals

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West Bridgewater Open Space & Recreation

2005 Report of the Open Space & Recreation Committee

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and residents of West Bridgewater. The Open Space & Recreation Committee respectfully submits its annual report for 2005.

Our mission and goals are "To preserve properties of significant scenic, historic, and ecological value in our community for passive public use and enjoyment and natural undisturbed wildlife habitat" and serve the better interests of all residents, taxpayers and passerby alike.

Open space, whether it's an area of upland, or a protected resource area, have important functions and values that make an area important to the general public as well as wildlife biodiversity and is related to public health and safety, environmental quality, and quality of life factors such as vistas, recreation, and enjoyment of the natural world.

The functions and values of open space are listed in five primary groups related to the protection and preservation of:

- Biological and ecological diversity
- Water supply and water quality
- Aesthetics and recreation
- Community character and agricultural lands
- Economic benefits

West Bridgewater is the proud steward of a potion of the Bay Circuit Trail which was first proposed in 1929 as an outer "emerald necklace," linking parks, open spaces and waterways from Plum Island to Kingston Bay; the Bay Circuit idea - a precursor of today's national greenways movement - continues to take shape. Focused on a 200 mile corridor of 50 cities and towns, the Bay Circuit Trail connects the "jewels" of the "emerald necklace." Community by community, the dream of connecting areas of protected greenway in around Boston is now a reality.

An ongoing challenge is, because we have no staff and a restricted budget, it has proven difficult to find enough interested residents or elected or appointed officials to serve in a more efficient manner in order to better realize our goals.

We're gathering criteria necessary for the expired Open Space Plan. The required comprehensive plan defines our communities' natural resources. The purpose of an Open Space Plan is to logically highlight the specific areas in town which we should preserve for their value to the water supply, ecosystem, passive environment, scenic vistas, and the future economic benefit to the town.

Once again the committee appreciated and enjoyed the opportunity to have a shared booth at the Annual Park Day Celebration with the Conservation Commission and Historical Commission. Together we provided educational and informational pamphlets and handouts to passers by.

Respectfully,

Howard W. Hayward, Chairperson	Victoria Benea	John Newell
Jack Ames	Sona Hosington	Beth Roll Smith

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS
ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Residents of the Town of West Bridgewater,

The following 2005 Annual Report for the Building Department reflects growth and the continued enforcement of our By-laws in the interest of public safety throughout the Town.

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION		Construction Value
8	Dwellings	1,788,500.00
9	Condo Units	3,486,000.00
30	Additions, Alterations,	2,277,600.00
199	Incidental Construction	1,803,595.95
14	Swimming Pools	128,701.55
26	Mechanical	13,965.00
26	Zoning	
		$ 9,498,362.50

COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION		
4	New Buildings	2,077,500.00
11	Additions, Alterations	930,554.00
52	Incidental Construction	1,994,695.00
45	Signs	58,413.00
13	Demolitions	
		$5,061,162.00

CONSTRUCTION VALUE TOTAL	**$14,559,524.50**

Total Fees collected and deposited to the general fund	$ 106,335.88
Fees collected on Plumbing/Gas Permits	22,980.00
Fees collected on Electrical Permits	19,714.18
	$ **149,030.06**

Respectfully submitted,

Paul F. Stringham
Inspector of Buildings
Zoning Enforcement Officer

Town of West Bridgewater

Office of Board of Appeals
West Bridgewater, MA 02379

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of West Bridgewater,

The Zoning Board of Appeals is governed by Chapter 40A, as amended, and the Town of West Bridgewater Zoning By-Laws. Public hearings were held in the Town Hall Conference Room and were scheduled as hearing applications were received. Applications for appeals are available from the Town Clerk's office.

During 2005, the Board of Appeals held eighteen (18) Public Hearings. Results of these hearings are as follows:

Special Permits granted	7
Special Permits denied	1
Variances granted	7
Variances denied	0
Applications withdrawn	2
Comprehensive Permit granted	1

In March 2005, the Board began a series of Public Hearings on the town's third Comprehensive Permit application, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 40B, Sections 20-23 of the Massachusetts General Laws. In June 2005, a comprehensive permit was granted to The Village at River Bend, LLC, dba Patriot Investment, to construct a thirty-two (32) unit over 55 condominium development, to be known as The Village at River Bend, on East Center Street, with eight (8) of the units to be sold as affordable.

At the end of 2004, Marian Spencer resigned as a member of the Board of Appeals. The Board would like to thank her for her dedicated service. Associate member Armen Amerigian was named a full voting board member and Noreen D'Andrea was named an associate member. The Board of Appeals would like to thank the late Town Counsel John Lee, all town officials, as well as all town departments for their cooperation and continued assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

William Lucini, Chairman
John DeCosta, Vice Chairman
Lars (Gary) Eliasson
James Henderson
Armen Amerigian
Leonard Hunt, Associate Member
Noreen D'Andrea, Associate Member

Planning Board

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To the residents of West Bridgewater, we, the members of the West Bridgewater Planning Board submit our Annual Report of activities for the year 2005.

The Planning Board held twenty-four (24) meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month throughout the year. There was one (1) Special meeting held. Seven (7) Form-A plans and one (1) subdivision were approved. There are presently fourteen (14) subdivisions under various stages of completion. The Board has held discussions on other potential commercial and residential subdivisions. Thirteen (13) Site Plans with Special Permits were approved and granted. Ten (10) Site Plans were reviewed and forwarded to the Zoning Board of Appeals for action.

The Planning Board reviewed and approved two (2) proposals for "55 and Over Adult Retirement Communities" that are currently under development. The Board has been working with the Town's financial team to bring in more Commercial and Industrial business through an Economic Target Area partnership with the State.

The Board has met many times with residents and property owners to advise them on possible uses of their property. We continue to strive to get Town Meeting acceptance of many streets and roads. Once they are accepted, it will increase the M.G.L. Chapter 90 (road repair) funds that will be paid to the Town. The Planning Board reminds taxpayers, that a street is not official until it has been accepted by the Town.

Throughout the last year, our members have represented the Board serving on many of the Town's committees.

The Planning Board would like to thank the Town Boards and Departments for their help and cooperation. In closing we would like to thank the residents of West Bridgewater for their continued interest in our town and attendance at our meetings. We invite participation at all meetings.

Respectfully,

Hugh Hurley, Chairman
Howard Anderson, Vice Chairman
Gerald Stetson, Clerk
Grete Bohannon, Member
Anthony Kinahan, Member

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and residents of West Bridgewater, the Board of Assessors submits their Annual Report.

We continue to see an upward spiral in property values in residential and commercial/industrial properties. The economy has somewhat stabilized, but low interest rates and the buyers willing to pay the high prices have contributed to the high property values.

We have completed our town wide revaluation as mandated by the State, which is done every three years. We have had new business growth and the future looks very good for more. We have worked with the Board of Selectmen to maintain a steady tax rate. However, as long as people continue to pay the high prices that property sells for, we can only assess according to the Fair Market Value as presented.

The Assessors have a booklet available showing what your Assessors can do and can not do with respect to the taxes you pay. The Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) tightly controls your Board of Assessors; nothing is done without following their rules and guidelines.

The Assessor's office is run by the Board of Assessors, with Head Clerk Donna Cotter and Senior Clerk Jean Upton making up the clerical staff. The Board has welcomed new member Stephen W. McCarthy. All members and staff are certified by the DOR.

The Board of Assessors funded the first year of the Senior Work Program from the overlay account.

The Board of Assessors would like to thank the residents and taxpayers of West Bridgewater and all the Town Boards and departments for their cooperation in helping us reach our goals and objectives.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Smith, Chairwoman
Robert W. Lundin, Clerk
Stephen W. McCarthy, Member

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January 1, 2006

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of West Bridgewater:

I herewith submit my Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 2005.

During the calendar year 2005, a total of two hundred eleven (211) measuring devices were sealed, thirty-five (35) devices were adjusted, two (2) devices were marked Not Sealed (as such they cannot be used legally in trade). There were six (6) devices condemned for failure to meet prescribed standards. In addition, one (1) scanning system consisting of four (4) scanners was tested.

The following is a summary of measuring devices inspected and tested:

<u>Scales and Balances</u>	
Over 10,000 pounds	None
5,000 to 10,000 pounds	5 Sealed
100 to 5,000 pounds	12 Sealed 3 Adjusted 2 Condemned
Under 100 pounds	45 Sealed 1 Adjusted 1 Not Sealed 2 Condemned
<u>Weights</u>	
Avoirdupois	7 Sealed
Metric	None
Apothecary	None
<u>Liquid Measuring Meters</u>	
Gasoline	81 Sealed 25 Adjusted 1 Not Sealed
Diesel Fuel	10 Sealed 5 Adjusted
Kerosene	1 Sealed 1 Adjusted
Spring Water	8 Sealed
<u>Fabric Measuring Devices</u>	
	42 Sealed 2 Condemned

Scanner Systems	1 Tested

The following fees were assessed for the above inspections:

Sealing Fees	$3,024.00
Adjusting Fees	310.00
Total Fees	$3,334.00

All fees were collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer prior to the end of the calendar year.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Board of Selectmen and to the personnel in the various Town Offices for their continued cooperation in assisting me in carrying out my assigned duties.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert A. Wolfer
Sealer of Weights and Measures

REPORT OF PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

The Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project are pleased to submit the following report of our activities during 2005.

The Project is a special district created by the State Legislature in 1957, and is now composed of all Plymouth County towns, the City of Brockton, and the Town of Cohasset in Norfolk County. The Project is a regional response to a regional problem, and provides a way of organizing specialized equipment, specially trained employees, and mosquito control professionals into a single agency with a broad geographical area of responsibility.

The 2005 season began with a normal water table until record April precipitation produced large numbers of spring and summer brood mosquitoes throughout the County. Efforts were directed at larval mosquitoes starting with the spring brood. Ground and aerial larviciding was accomplished using B.t.i., an environmentally selective bacterial agent. Upon emergence of the spring brood of mosquitoes, ultra-low volume adulticiding began. The Project responded to 11,578 requests for service from residents.

In response to the elevated threat of mosquito borne diseases in the district, we increased our trapping, aerial and ground larviciding, and adult spray in areas of concern to protect public health.

Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus was first isolated from *Culiseta melanura*, a bird biting species, by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in Kingston on July 25, 2005. Of the season's total of forty five EEE isolates, twenty eight were from Plymouth County as follows: Abington (9/12), Carver (8/17, 8/29, 9/5), Duxbury (8/5), Halifax (8/22, 9/1, 9/5, 9/7), Hanover (9/7, 9/14), Hanson (9/13), Kingston (7/25, 7/27(2), 8/1(2), 8/8, 8/10, 8/22, 9/12, 9/19, 9/28), Lakeville (9/12, 9/19), Pembroke (8/1, 9/9), Rockland (9/7). Four human cases of EEE were confirmed including two fatalities (Halifax and Kingston) and two non-fatal cases (Duxbury and Plymouth). No horses were diagnosed with EEE in Plymouth County. We normally end our spray season on Labor Day. This year, because of increased virus isolations, we extended our residential spray program into October. Town and City based requests for area wide spray continued throughout the district through October 7, 2005. Based on guidelines defined by the "Vector Control Plan to Prevent EEE" in Massachusetts, Southeastern Massachusetts will be at a "moderate level of EEE risk" beginning the 2006 season.

We are pleased to report that in 2005 there were no human or horse West Nile Virus cases in Plymouth County. A total of six birds tested positive for the West Nile Virus in the following five towns: East Bridgewater (1), Hanover (1), Marshfield (1), Pembroke (1), West Bridgewater (2). A total of eight isolations of West Nile Virus in mosquitoes were found in the following towns: Abington (9/13(2)), Bridgewater (9/15), Lakeville (9/26), Middleboro (8/29, 9/29) and Norwell (8/23, 9/13).

The recurring problem of EEE and WNV continues to ensure cooperation between the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project, local Boards of Health and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. In an effort to keep the public informed, EEE and WNV activity updates are regularly posted on Massachusetts Department of Public Health website at www.state.ma.us/dph/wnv/wnv1.htm.

The figures specific to the Town of West Bridgewater are given below. While mosquitoes do not respect town lines the information given below does provide a tally of the activities which have had the greatest impact on the health and comfort of West Bridgewater residents.

Insecticide Application. 3,168 acres were treated using truck mounted sprayers for control of adult mosquitoes. More than one application was made to the same site if mosquitoes reinvaded the area. The first treatments were made in June and the last in October.

Aerial Application. Larviciding woodland swamps by airplane before the leaves come out on the trees continues to be very effective. In West Bridgewater this year we aerially larvicided 540 acres.

Our greatest effort has been targeted at mosquitoes in the larval stage, which can be found in woodland pools, swamps, marshes and other standing water areas. Inspectors continually gather data on these sites and treat with highly specific larvicides when immature mosquitoes are present.

Water Management. During 2005 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 2,875 linear feet of ditches and streams to prevent overflows or stagnation that can result in mosquito breeding. This work, together with machine reclamation, is most often carried out in the fall and winter.

Finally, we have been tracking response time, which is the time between notice of a mosquito problem and response by one of our inspectors. The complaint response time in the Town of West Bridgewater was less than two days with more than 186 complaints answered.

Mosquito Survey. A systematic sampling for the mosquitoes in West Bridgewater indicates that *Cq. perturbans* was the most abundant species. Other important species collected include *Cx. species* and *Ae. vexans.*

We encourage citizens or municipal officials to visit our website at www.plymouthmosquito.com or call our office for information about mosquitoes, mosquito-borne diseases, control practices, or any other matters of concern.

Raymond D. Zucker
Superintendent

Commissioners:
Carolyn Brennan, Chairman
Michael J. Pieroni, Vice-Chairman
Leighton F. Peck, Secretary
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OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

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REPORT OF THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater:

As your representatives to the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC), we are pleased to present this report on behalf of the Council for 2005.

The Old Colony Planning Council was established in 1967 by state statute and is authorized to prepare plans for the physical, social and economic development of the fifteen-member community region. OCPC is designated as: an Economic Development District by the U.S. Department of Commerce for the coordination of regional economic development activities; an Area Agency on Aging (AAA) by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to plan, manage and coordinate elder services in a twenty-three community service area; and, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to plan and program transportation and transit improvements for the region.

In addition to the above-designated responsibilities, the Council is concerned with a wide variety of area-wide and inter-municipal concerns as they pertain to the development of the Planning District. The Council also assists its member municipalities with technical planning, grant application preparation and current local and regional trends socioeconomic information.

This past year, the Council completed work on the Regional Disaster Mitigation Plan and local annexes for the OCPC Region; the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) Four Year Elderly Needs Plan; the Route 28 Corridor Study (Avon/Randolph town line to Bridgewater/Middleborough town line); Vehicle and Speed Classification Studies throughout the region; a Commuter Rail Station and Park and Ride Lots Utilization Study; a Journey to Work Study; Updated Road Inventory files for our communities; the Transportation Element of the Hanson Master Plan; the West Bridgewater Economic Target Area (ETA); the OCPC 2005 DataBook; the Old Colony 2005 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS); a Stoughton 40b Housing Study; a BAT FY 2005 Ridership Analysis; numerous Intersection/Technical Studies, and the FFY 2006-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). During this period, the Council conducted traffic counts at approximately 175 locations throughout the region. The Council also initiated work on updating the Long Range Regional Transportation Plan; Route 3A Corridor Study in Kingston and Plymouth; Easton Circulation Study; MBTA Taskforce Participation in the New Bedford/Fall River Commuter Rail Growth Impact Study; BAT Service Analysis to Ikea; continue to administer the Hanson Community Septic Management Program; and established a Regional Wastewater Committee including the towns of Avon, East Bridgewater, Easton, West Bridgewater and the City of Brockton to develop a scope for a feasibility study looking at potential regional solutions. In addition, the Council completed the Stoughton Central Business District Study, the Brownfield Inventory, and the South Hanson Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Study with a grant from Vision 2020.

Each member community of the Council is represented by one delegate and one alternate member. The Council members establish policy, develop the work program, and employ and oversee the activities of the professional staff. The Council meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the OCPC offices located at 70 School Street, Brockton, MA. In 2005, the Council elected Robert Overholtzer of Hanson as President of OCPC; Jeanmarie Kent Joyce of Easton as Council Treasurer; and, Joseph P. Landolfi of Stoughton as Council Secretary. Pasquale Ciaramella serves as Executive Director of the Council.

The Council gratefully acknowledges the generous support and cooperation of its member communities and the participation and involvement of the many individuals who participate as members of committees. Special thanks

are extended to Joint Transportation Committee Chair Noreen O'Toole; Comprehensive Economic Development Committee Chair Salvador A. Pina; and, the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee Mary Willis for their commitment, dedication and leadership during the year. The Council also recognizes the work of local boards and commissions and the government agencies, public and private institutions and individuals who assisted the Council in its efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
Eldon Moreira, Delegate
Matthew Striggles, Delegate At-Large

Southeastern Regional Services Group
2005 Annual Report

The Southeastern Regional Services Group (SERSG) has enjoyed another productive year providing valuable services to its member communities which now number 18 with the Town of Rockland joining the group in 2005.

One of the primary functions of SERSG continues to be conducting cooperative procurements to secure competitive prices and save time and money for member communities. In spring 2005, the regional administrator was responsible for procuring Office Supplies for all communities, DPW Supplies for 16 communities, and Paper for 14 member communities. In the fall of 2005 the annual DPW Services IFB utilized by 15 members was circulated, as were RFPs for Employee Assistance Program Services for three communities and Drug and Alcohol Testing Services which will be utilized by 12 communities.

Notably, member participation in the biennial Office Supplies procurement was 100 percent, and communities ultimately signed two-year contracts with New England Office Supply for a discount of 73.6% off contracted items in the USS Catalog. For Fiscal Year 2005, the SERSG Office Supplies procurement saved participating communities almost $800,000 off listed USS catalog prices. Total contract spending on office supplies for Fiscal Year 2005 was approximately $425,000.

A statewide survey of prices for DPW Supplies and Services continues to demonstrate that SERSG procurements save communities significant amounts of money. An estimated total of $230,000 was saved (over statewide survey averages) for communities who procured the services of crack sealing (14 communities) and cold planing (11 communities) for Calendar Year 2005. More than $125,000 in total savings came from nine categories of DPW Supplies including calcium chloride, sand, hot mix, cold patch and various kinds of stone and gravel.

Lara Thomas, the SERSG Regional Administrator, participated in two Inspector General's Office trainings in 2005 to move toward certification as a Massachusetts Certified Public Purchasing Official (MCPPO). She expects to take the final class to be designated an MCPPO in 2006.

SERSG also sponsored two membership-wide trainings in 2005. In June, the State Ethics Commission presented an evening seminar on Massachusetts Ethics Law at Brockton High School. The elected officials who attended found the seminar very informative with a great deal of practical information presented on how to interpret the law and assure ethical practices within municipal government. The Commissioner of the Alcoholic Beverages Commission also led a well-attended training at Massasoit Community College in September. The training focused on new ABCC regulations and processes and the impact of the changes on municipalities. Nearly 100 percent of SERSG communities were represented at the meeting.

The Pipeline Project, initiated as a response to Aquaria Water's plans to build a desalinization plant in Dighton with a 16 mile long 20-inch diameter pipeline connecting the plant to the City

of Brockton, continued as a special project in 2005 for the Towns of West Bridgewater, Easton and Raynham and the City of Taunton. Activity this year centered on moving the design of the pipeline toward final construction plans with the assistance of Dufresne-Henry engineer Garry McCarthy who was hired by SERSG to review the plans. Major impacts in the City of Taunton were alleviated by Aquaria rerouting a major part of the pipeline onto a portion of the MBTA right of way in Taunton. In addition to plan review, mitigation discussions took place in all communities with Raynham and West Bridgewater's mitigation agreements nearing final approval. An RFP for the development of a community relations plan was also developed and circulated during the summer with the submission by Regina Villa Associates of Boston selected as most advantageous. At the end of the year, negotiations toward a contract with Regina Villa were progressing smoothly. Aquaria is hopeful that construction may be able to begin in spring 2006.

Finally, monthly meetings of both the SERSG Board of Directors and the SERSG Highway Superintendents continued to allow productive discussion of issues and sharing of solutions and best practices for carrying out the myriad functions of municipal government.

Lara Ramey Thomas
SERSG Regional Administrator
December 2005

December 27, 2005

Town of West Bridgewater
Office of the Selectmen
Attn: Elizabeth D. Faricy, Administrator
65 North Street
West Bridgewater, MA 02379

Dear Elizabeth Faricy,

This letter serves as the Annual Report for services provided specifically by Womansplace Crisis Center to residents of the *Town of West Bridgewater* during 2006. The education department, through the following workshops/trainings presented, provided a total of *32* hours of education and served *767* Bridgewater residents. Included were ***Bridgewater Community Against Community Violence (72); Civil Police Advocates, Community Organization***; the ***Senior Center, Bridgewater High School, Bridgewater State College, Bridgewater Cable TV/Talk show/Interview DV/SA, the Central Square Congregational Church and Old Colony Y Youth Conference/Bridgewater State College.*** Our community educator also facilitated ***"Teacher Training on Sexual Assault and Dating and Family Violence"*** and ***Cable Advertising on Services and volunteer opportunities***. Outreach to community organizations was also done through brochures and packets. In addition, Womansplace Crisis Center provided services to *8* rape survivors (of which 6 are new and 2 are ongoing), their families and friends, through individual and/or group counseling, and answered *12* hotline telephone calls from West Bridgewater residents.

Womansplace Crisis Center is the only rape hotline in Plymouth County that is funded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Enclosed is an Article for the *Town of West Bridgewater* in support of our request for funding of ***$2,500.00***, and the Program Description with services offered along with Public Health and Safety Issues related to sexual assault.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (508) 588-2045. We receive your support with gratitude.

Sincerely,

Robin Martin
Program Director

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REPORT OF THE
PARTNERS HOME CARE, INC.
200 Ledgewood Place
Rockland, MA 02370
781-681-1000

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of West Bridgewater

On behalf of Partners Home Care, Inc., we are pleased to submit our annual report for 2005.

Partners Home Care, Inc., a non-profit Medicare certified agency, serves West Bridgewater residents, offering skilled nursing; physical, occupational and speech therapy services, medical social work, nutrition counseling, and home health aide assistance. Partners Home Care, Inc. continues to meet the highest standards of excellence fulfilling the mission of providing quality home health care to those in need.

Besides assisting our patients with a variety of home health services, Partners Home Care, Inc. offers many community programs including wellness programs, health promotion screenings, nutrition seminars, caregivers support groups and health education seminars.

Highlights of public health activities for 2005 include: communicable disease surveillance, successful flu/pneumonia immunizations; adult and pediatric immunization clinics for the community; TB tests and readings; blood pressure clinics; glucose screenings; weekly office hours and monthly health clinics whereby residents may obtain health screening and counseling. PHC also serves as a depot for state-distributed vaccine. Community health programs were presented this year including provision of a babysitting training course. The PHC public health nurse represents the West Bridgewater Board of Health at Mass DPH Immunization Update, MA DPH TB Update, MA DPH Small Pox Training, MA DPH Infectious Disease Update, Surveillance, Reporting and Control; HIPPA Trained; and maintains current CDC Emergency Preparedness/Bioterrorism information to the community. Confidential communicable disease surveillance as mandated by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health is conducted on a regular basis.

Ongoing communication regarding public health activities and initiative continues with Board of Health, the public schools and town agencies and departments. The following is a summary of the activities:

Clinics	190	BP Screening	193
Communicable Disease follow-up	18	Blood Sugar Screening	6
TB Screening	1/1	Health Promotion Visits	3
Flu Immunizations	359		

*Confidential case follow-ups are done and submitted to West Bridgewater Board of Health and Department of Public Health.

In addition, visits were made to West Bridgewater residents by ACVNA staff through Medicare, Medicaid or third party insurer. The array of regular, specially and supportive services provided include:

Skilled Nurse
Occupational Therapy
Home Health Aide Services
Education and Support Groups
Case Management
Alzheimer's Disease Care
Parkinson's Program
Diabetes Education
Mental Health
Maternal Child Health
Physical Therapy
Speech Language Therapy
Medical Social Worker
Private Health Care Services
Cardiac Care
Rehabilitation Nursing
Complex Wound Care
Oncology Care
Homemaker/Companion
Telehealth

Partners Home Care extends sincere appreciation to West Bridgewater for their support over the past years. It is through the contract with our local government/Board of Health, the generosity of area businesses and our loyal townspeople that we can ensure the provisions of community health programs and medically necessary home services to those who need them.

Working together, we can successfully meet the health care needs of our community and enhance services offered to the residents of West Bridgewater.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doreen Zeller, RN
Community Health Nurse

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
ANNUAL REPORT
July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2005

The role of Plymouth County Cooperative Extension is to deliver research-based information to Plymouth County residents through non-formal methods. The Plymouth County Extension staff work in concert with UMass Amherst Faculty and Extension staff on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, to provide valuable information in Extension's four major program areas: Agriculture and Landscape; 4-H Youth and Family Development; Nutrition Education; and Natural Resources & Environmental Conservation. The Extension System is supported by County, Federal and State funds, and operates under Federal and State laws and agreements. Local citizens, appointed by the Plymouth County Commissioners, serve as Plymouth County Cooperative Extension Trustees, directing the overall program. Volunteer advisory groups work with Extension staff on developing programs.

Cooperative Extension resources and programs for Plymouth County include: garden lectures, fruit pruning demonstrations; pesticide applicator training & licensing exams; the annual UMass Extension Garden Calendar; educational resource materials; training and resources for green industry professionals and youth service agencies; accredited overnight 4-H summer camps; and teacher workshops and resources. New research findings are translated into practical applications and shared with people and communities through workshops, conferences, field demonstrations, radio and television, local libraries, technical assistance, and newspaper articles. Publications such as newsletters, booklets, and fact sheets bring information directly to those who need it. Additional information is delivered through office visits, phone calls, and UMass-Amherst Extension web access www.umassextension.org .

The Plymouth County Extension office is located at P.O. Box 658, High St. Hanson MA 02341 (781-293-3541; 781-447-5946) plyctyext@mindspring.com. Regional Extension programs are often conducted in Southeastern Massachusetts. UMass Extension also operates the Cranberry Experiment Research Station, located in Wareham.

Members of the Plymouth County Staff:

Michael D. Koski, 4-H Youth and Family Development Program
Amy McCune, 4-H Youth and Family Development Program
Deborah C. Swanson, Landscape, Nursery and Urban Forestry Program
Debra L. Corrow, Executive Assistant

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John Peterson - Halifax
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Maria Pique, Nutrition Educator
Joyce Rose, Nutrition Educator
Wendy Kemp, Nutrition Educator
Virginia Murray, Nutrition Ed.
Anita Sprague, Senior Clerk

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780 WEST MAIN STREET, AVON, MA 02322 TEL. (508) 588-0447 FAX (508) 588-1266

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JACK BUSH
Chairperson, Board of Directors

JONATHAN R. CARLSC
Executive Director

December 15, 2005

REPORT TO THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

During the program year ending September 30, 2005, Self Help Inc., received a total funding of approximately $19.3M and provided services to 27,442 limited income households in the area.

In the TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER, SHI provided services totaling $359,517 to 758 households during program year 2005

Self Help's total funding of $19,296,397 does not tell the real value of services delivered to the area as a whole. This funding enabled us mobilize an additional $1,948.879 of other community resources such as, volunteers, donations of space, and private donations in the form of goods and services. Therefore, the total impact of Self Help Inc., during the past program year was $21,245,276.

In addition, Self Help currently employs 250 individuals. Many of these individuals are of limited income, and most reside in our service area.

We feel that October 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005 was a successful program year for us because we were able to assist as many individuals and/or families as we did, regardless of the challenges of being a human service provider.

We thank the Town of West Bridgewater and its representative Mr. Charles Baker, and all the volunteers for helping us to make fiscal year 2005 a successful one.

Respectfully submitted
Norma Wang
Executive Assistant/Human Resource Manager

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Attleboro Site: Fuel Assistance • Client Services (508) 226-4192 • Head Start (508) 226-2030
Brockton Sites: Energy Conservation (508) 580-4481 • Family & Parenting Center (508) 559-8821
Fuel Assistance (508) 588-5440 • Head Start 370 Howard St. (508) 587-1716
Lead Abatement (508) 584-4755 • MELD (508) 559-8704 • TTY (508) 587-6118

TOWN OFFICES TELEPHONE NUMBERS
EMERGENCIES - DIAL 911

Town Departments	Phone Numbers
Accountant	894-1201
Assessors	894-1212
Board of Health	894-1209
Building	894-1207
Conservation	894-4973
Council on Aging	894-1262
Fire	586-3232
Forestry	894-1217
High School	894-1220
Highway	894-1216
Housing Authority	588-2781
Howard School	894-1250
Library	894-1255
Police	586-2525
Pupil Personnel	894-1236
Rose L. MacDonald School	894-1240
Selectmen	894-1267
Superintendent of Schools	894-1230
Tax/Treasurer	894-1203
Town Clerk	894-1200
Vehicle Maintenance	894-1218
Veterans	894-1200
Water Department	894-1271

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES OF THE

TOWN OF

WEST BRIDGEWATER

FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2006

WEST BRIDGE
80 HOWARD S
WEST BRIDGEWATER, MA 02379

THE 2006 TOWN REPORT
IS DEDICATED
IN MEMORY OF

Glyndon Turner Golder; Julian E. Lucini;
George A. Miller; Thomas F. Kelley, Sr.; and
Barbara B. Cohen

FRONT COVER: 350TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BRIDGEWATERS
CELEBRATED JUNE 2006 – JUNE 2007

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This Town Report is also dedicated to all Town Employees, past and present, who continue to serve the Town of West Bridgewater with dedication and pride.

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Board of Selectmen

65 North Main Street
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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen hereby submits its 185th Annual Town Report.

The year 2006 was a year full of beginnings and endings. After many years on the Board of Selectmen, Victor Flaherty did not run for re-election and Jerry D. Lawrence was elected to fill that vacancy. During the April reorganization of the Board, Selectman Matthew P. Albanese was elected Chairman for the next year.

The Town also voted to go forward with the renovation and reconstruction of the Police and Fire Stations. Former Selectman Flaherty volunteered to be named as the Town's Project Manager, overseeing the development of plans, the bidding process and most importantly, the actually construction of the $5 million expansion.

In the Spring, the Selectmen were notified that thanks to the efforts of Representative Christine Canavan and Senator Brian Joyce the Town received a $250,000 state legislative grant to construct a new regulation Soccer Field. Construction should occur in the early Summer of 2007.

In efforts to build the Town's business base, the Selectmen received permission to join Brockton's Economic Target Area designation and signed a cooperative agreement with the City to advance business opportunities in Town. Thanks to the rejuvenation of the Town's Industrial Development Commission and the formation of a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Board, the Selectmen approved TIF Board, the Selectmen approved TIF guidelines in late 2006.

Several Selectmen – appointed committees were reorganized and have been energized to assist the Board overseeing key aspects of Town government. These include the Computer Advisory Committee charged with advising the Town's Network Infrastructure and planning for its future; the American With Disabilities Commission, charged with overseeing handicapped access issues for Town Buildings and throughout the Town. Open Space Committee, re-introduced as the Open Space and Recreation Committee, charged with the overseeing, maintenance, acquiring of and obtaining funding for one of the Town's greatest commodities, its open space lands.

Another group laying dormant for several years was the Plymouth County Selectmen's Association. Chairman Albanese proposed trying to resurrect that group in 2006 and together with assistance from both Mr. Moreira and Mr. Lawrence and the Selectmen's Staff, the County-wide association met several times to discuss common problems and find regional solutions to them. Mr. Albanese was elected Chairman of the group.

This year, the Selectmen also pushed ahead with the Re-Design of the Town Center Project being funded by Mass. Highway. The first of several public hearings was held in November to review the many options drawn by the State's engineering consultants and to get the publies' input in this very important project. The Selectmen appreciate the hours of review for this project done by our own Center of Town Committee, public safety departments (including Highway, Police and Fire) and the traffic engineering experts at the Old Colony Planning Council.

Looking towards the future and seeking ways to get a handle on Energy Costs, the Selectmen formed the Alternative Energy Committee to study the possibility of seeking grant money to construct wind turbines in selected locations in Town that would produce some electricity for the Town. First step is a year study to measure wind velocity in these locations.

The Selectmen continue to pursue the rebuilding of the South Street Bridge, and it looks as if this project could see its completion sometime in Fiscal year 2008.

The Board congratulates the following Fire Department members on their promotions: Deputy Chief Allen Breer; Captain Paul Golder; Lieutenant Gerald Stetson and Lieutenant Kenneth May. Their professionalism and experience make this Board proud. The Board also recognized the appointment of Paramedic Lincoln Thibeault to the Fire Department.

During this past year, the Selectmen, as the appointing authority, also promoted Timothy Pope and Russell Regan from the rank of Permanent Intermittent Officer to Permanent Police Officer.

Also, this year, the Selectmen appointed and welcomed a new Town Accountant, John O'Brien, to the financial staff for the Town Government organization. Since John has previously served as the Town's auditor for several years, he was well acquainted with the financial records of the Town.

With the great loss of Town Counsel John Lee in late 2005, the Board and the Town welcomed new Town Counsel David Gay of Taunton to represent the Town in all legal matters.

The Manley Street Reconstruction project occupied a good deal of the Selectmen's time, making sure the project kept on time and within budget. Although it is the State's engineers overseeing the work. The Town could be responsible for any major problems encountered.

The Selectmen, once again, wish to commend our Administrator, Beth Fariey. As our liaison to the community and the many employees, boards and commissions that serve the Town, she has the responsibility of getting our votes and messages out to meet the needs and wishes of this Board.

We wish also to thank our Confidential Secretary, Donna Larson and Assistant Confidential Secretary, Jacqueline Lee, for their hard work and dedication. They show compassion and helpfulness to all those who enter through our doors.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew P. Albanese, Chairman
Eldon F. Moreira, Clerk
Jerry D. Lawrence, Member

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REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES
TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2006

REAL ESTATE

YEAR	6/30/2005 BALANCE	COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS EXEMPTIONS	REFUNDS	TAX LIENS	FORECLOSURES DEFFERED	COLLECTIONS	6/30/2006 BALANCE
2004	$ 50.83		$ (17,831.00)	$ 17,831.00				$ 50.83
2005	$ 367,261.00		$ (96,105.00)	$ 96,105.00	$ (12,380.00)		$ (354,881.00)	$ -
2006		$ 12,847,718.00	$ (127,010.00)	$ 64,963.00	$ (46,969.00)	$ (15,356.00)	$ (12,243,275.00)	$ 480,071.00
TOTALS	**$ 367,311.83**	**$ 12,847,718.00**	**$ (240,946.00)**	**$ 178,899.00**	**$ (59,349.00)**	**$ (15,356.00)**	**$ (12,598,156.00)**	**$ 480,121.83**

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE

	6/30/2005 BALANCE	COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS	REFUNDS	COLLECTIONS	6/30/2006 BALANCE
2004	$ 15,587.86	$ 17,488.00	$ (22,830.00)	$ 6,056.00	$ (11,560.00)	$ 4,741.86
2005	$ 50,789.68	$ 389,475.00	$ (20,880.00)	$ 7,722.00	$ (411,665.00)	$ 15,441.68
2006		$ 756,168.00	$ (13,097.00)	$ 2,025.00	$ (713,389.00)	$ 31,707.00
TOTALS	**$ 66,377.54**	**$ 1,163,131.00**	**$ (56,807.00)**	**$ 15,803.00**	**$ (1,136,614.00)**	**$ 51,890.54**

PROPERTY TAXES

YEAR	06/30/05 BALANCE	COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS	REFUNDS	ADJUSTMENTS	COLLECTIONS	06/30/06 BALANCE
1997	$ 884.16						$ 884.16
1998	$ 247.50						$ 247.50
1999	$ 247.32						$ 247.32
2000	$ 365.78						$ 365.78
2001	$ 397.38						$ 397.38
2002	$ 959.95						$ 959.95
2003	$ 416.07						$ 416.07
2004	$ 13,012.15		$ (278.06)			$ (11,843.00)	$ 891.09
2005	$ 29,652.05		$ (2,588.00)	$ 108.00		$ (23,776.00)	$ 3,396.05
2006		$ 521,030.00	$ (6,270.00)	$ 4,241.00		$ (483,070.00)	$ 35,931.00
TOTALS	**$ 46,182.36**	**$ 521,030.00**	**$ (9,136.06)**	**$ 4,349.00**	**$ -**	**$ (518,689.00)**	**$ 43,736.30**

WATER USE CHARGES

YEAR	06/30/05 BALANCE	COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS	WATER LIENS	COLLECTIONS	06/30/06 BALANCE
2001	$ (10,872.05)					$ -	$ (10,872.05)
2002	$ (4,017.30)					$ (8,034.00)	$ (12,051.30)
2003	$ 1,375.16	$ -	$ -			$ (6,821.50)	$ (5,446.34)
2004	$ 12,418.28					$ (8,436.31)	$ 3,981.97
2005	$ 120,971.95		$ (2,909.25)			$ (59,221.11)	$ 58,841.59
2006		$ 980,383.00	$ (23,604.73)			$ (847,563.42)	$ 109,214.85
TOTALS	**$ 119,876.04**	**$ -**	**$ (2,909.25)**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ (82,512.92)**	**$ 143,668.72**

WATER LIENS RECEIVABLES	06/30/05 BALANCE	COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS	TAX LIENS	ADJUSTMENTS	COLLECTIONS	06/30/06 BALANCE
2005	$ 1,148.86					$ (1,148.86)	$ -
2006		$ 34,779.79		$ (4,343.99)	$ (100.00)	$ (27,196.38)	$ 3,139.42
TOTALS	**$ 1,148.86**		**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ (1,148.86)**	**$ -**

TIE INS **$ 62,652.00**

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

TRUST FUNDS	BALANCE AS OF 06/30/05	INTEREST EARNED	DEPOSITS	FUNDS EXPENDED	BALANCE AS OF 06/30/2006
CEMETERIES					
PINE HILL	$ 6,325.60	$ 225.65		$ (3,058.95)	**$ 3,492.30**
TOWN CEMETERIES	$ 17,679.63	$ 727.74			**$ 18,407.37**
LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS					
#1	$ 15,613.50	$ 642.08		$ (650.16)	**$ 15,605.42**
#2	$ 8,273.31	$ 339.95		$ (608.89)	**$ 8,004.37**
#3	$ 17,962.65	$ 782.92		$ (1,271.39)	**$ 17,474.18**
#4	$ 20,833.49	$ 858.71		$ (3,221.28)	**$ 18,470.92**
GLADYS COLE LIBRARY FUND	$ 12,825.16	$ 532.40		$ (1,098.29)	**$ 12,259.27**
CURTIS MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND	$ 5,193.08	$ 213.55		$ (385.09)	**$ 5,021.54**
W.J. & A.C. HOWARD SCHOLARSHIP FUND	$ 5,044.38	$ 204.63		$ (250.00)	**$ 4,999.01**
FRIENDSHIP PARK GAZEBO	$ 2,045.18	$ 84.10			**$ 2,129.28**
STABILIZATION FUND	$ 159,690.94	$ 842.68		$(150,000.00)	**$ 10,533.62**
STUDENT ACTIVITIES	$ 65,702.16	$ 882.80	$ 145,545.63	$(126,260.31)	**$ 85,870.28**
TOTALS	**$ 337,189.08**	**$ 6,337.21**	**$ 145,545.63**	**$(286,804.36)**	**$ 202,267.56**

INTEREST AND CHARGES COLLECTED

REAL ESTATE &	$	102,362.00
MOTOR VEHICLE	$	32,718.00
TITLE V	$	5,828.00
TOTALS	$	140,908.00

On June 29th, 2006 the Town borrowed $ 360,000 to purchase new vehicles for the Highway and Fire Departments. The interest rate on this short-term borrowing was 3.94 %.
I would like to thank the following employees for their dedication to their job; Assistant Treaser Janet Merritt, support staff Maureen Adams and Janice Golder. Their expertise and dedication to excellent customer support is truly appreciated by myself, their co-workers and the citizens of West Bridgewater.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
JOHN G. DUGGAN
Treasurer/Collector

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER
2006 STATISTICS

REGISTERED VOTERS

PRECINCT ONE

Democrat	484
Green-Rainbow	1
Interdependent 3rd Party	0
Libertarian	22
Reform	2
Republican	469
Socialist	1
Timesizing Not Downsizing	1
Unenrolled	1291
TOTAL	2271

PRECINCT TWO

Democrat	551
Green-Rainbow	1
Interdependent 3rd Party	2
Libertarian	9
Reform	0
Republican	369
Socialist	0
Timesizing Not Downsizing	0
Unenrolled	1237
TOTAL	2169

TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS – 4440

TOTAL POPULATION
6700
RESIDENCE STATISTICS
2496– Housing Units
273 – Vacant

2007– ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
April 14, 2007
9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

2007– ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
June 11, 2007

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT – 10TH PLYMOUTH DIST.
Christine E. Canavan

SENATORS IN CONGRESS
Edward M. Kennedy
John F. Kerry

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
Stephen F. Lynch

COUNCILLOR – 2ND DISTRICT
Kelly A. Timilty

STATE SENATOR
Brian A. Joyce

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER
ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS
2006

	Term Elected	Expires
MODERATOR		
Marion L. Leonard	2006	2009
TOWN CLERK		
Nancy L. Morrison	2006	2009
SELECTMEN		
Matthew P. Albanese	2004	2007
Eldon F. Moreira	2005	2008
Jerry D. Lawrence	2006	2009
ASSESSORS		
Stephen McCarthy	2006	2007
Robert W. Lundin	2005	2008
Cheryl A. Smith	2006	2009
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY		
Brian H. Lanner	2004	2007
Thomas J. Driscoll	2006	2007
Richard P. Adams	2005	2008
George Hardiman	2005	2008
Robert Sullivan	2006	2009
Molly P. Smith	2006	2009
SCHOOL COMMITTEE		
Nancy Maloney	2004	2007
William McCole	2004	2007
James M. Holden	2005	2008
Annie G. Iannitelli	2006	2009
Maureen E. Sass	2006	2009
WATER COMMISSIONERS		
David L. Churchill	2004	2007
John W. Noyes	2005	2008
Donald G. Asack	2006	2009
TREE WARDEN		
Christopher D. Iannitelli	2006	2009

CONSTABLES

Bruce Holmquist	2006	2007
Walter Thayer	2004	2007

BOARD OF HEALTH

Howard W. Hayward	2004	2007
Richard Harris	2006	2007
Jerry D. Lawrence (resigned)	2005	2008
John F. Cruz	2006	2009

PLANNING BOARD

Gerald Stetson	2002	2007
Grete Bohannon	2003	2008
Anthony Kinahan	2004	2009
Howard Anderson	2005	2010
Hugh Hurley	2006	2011

HOUSING AUTHORITY
7 Esther Dr

Raymund Rogers	2003	2008
Nancy L. Morrison	2003	2008
Richard J. Freitas	2004	2009
John F. Cruz	2005	2010
Marion L. Leonard	2006	2011

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN

ADMINISTRATOR
Elizabeth D. Faricy

ADMINISTRATOR OF INSURANCE
Elizabeth D. Faricy, Administrator
Vacancy

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS
Jeni Mather
George Mather

BOARD OF APPEALS

John DeCosta, Jr. (resigned)	2002	2007
Fred Hartblay	2006	2007
Armen Amerigian	2003	2008
Noreen D'Andrea (resigned)	2004	2009
Leonard T. Hunt (resigned)	2003	2008
James Henderson	2005	2010
William Lucini	2005	2010
Alternate Members:		
Tom Snell	2006	2009
Carolyn Ameno	2006	2008

BAY CIRCUIT GREEN BELT COMMITTEE

Conservation Commission

Historical Commission

BROCKTON AREA MENTAL HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE

Vacant

BROCKTON AREA RETARDATION REPRESENTATIVE

Vacant

BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Matthew Albanese

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Paul Stringham

BYLAW COMMITTEE

Grete Bohannon
Richard Krugger
Tom Kennedy

Peter Moroni
David Lacy
Wade Estabrooks

Matthew Albanese
William Lucini

ASSISTANT BUILDING INSPECTOR

Vacancy

CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Michael D. Feresten (resigned)	2003	2009
Paul Watson	2004	2009
Richard Domingos (resigned)	2003	2009
Donald Miller	2004	2008
Peter Turner (resigned)	2005	2008
Vacancy	2004	2008

CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

Elizabeth D. Faricy

COMPUTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

John Duggan	John O'Brien	Elizabeth Faricy
Paul Golder	Richard Krugger	Donna Larson
Victor Flaherty	Ed Sarro	Beth-Roll Smith
Matthew MacCurtain	Patricia Oakley	Mary Harrington-Graf

CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY

Donna Larson

ASSISTANT CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY

Jacqueline Lee

CONSERVATION AGENT

Vacancy

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Joseph Souza (resigned)	2003	2006
Howard W. Hayward	2004	2007
Richard Palin (resigned)	2005	2008
Winfield R. Weatherby	2005	2008
Lee Anderson	2005	2008
Kevin Parker	2005	2008
Thomas Tyrell	2006	2009

Alternate Members:
Timothy Hay
Paula Bethoney

COUNCIL ON AGING

Barbara Cohen (deceased)	2003	2006
Frank Nelson, Jr.	2004	2007
Bruce Holmquist	2004	2007
Arthur Loughman, Jr.	2004	2007
James McGuigan	2005	2008
Linda Gibson	2006	2009
Virginia Nolan	2006	2009
Ruth Emberg Johnson	2006	2009
Marguerite Morse	2006	2009
S. Erick Benson	2006	2009
Anna Brown	2006	2009

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Linda Kurinskas	2004	2007
Lorraine Mardo	2004	2007
Kathleen Massey	2006	2007
Deborah Tisdale	2006	2007
Carolyn Ritucci	2005	2008
Joanne Correia	2005	2008
Joan McAndrew	2005	2008

DRURY BELL COMMITTEE

Matthew Albanese	Eldon F. Moreira	Jerry D. Lawrence

ELDER SERVICES DIRECTOR
Mary Harrington Graf

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICER
Leonard T. Hunt

ASSISTANT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICER
Ronald P. Snell

FENCE VIEWERS

Joseph Souza	Harold Hallberg (deceased)	Hugh Hurley

FIELD DRIVERS

George Richardson	Howard A. Anderson	Vacant

FINANCE COMMITTEE – BOARD OF SELECTMEN LIAISON
Elizabeth D. Faricy

FIRE CHIEF
Leonard T. Hunt

FOREST FIRE WARDEN
Leonard T. Hunt

HANDICAPPED ACCESS COMMITTEE

Diane Perry	Eldon Moreira	Leonard Hunt
Marilyn Raleigh	Gloria Hopkins	Denise Lewis
	Mary Petrie	

HAZARDOUS WASTE COORDINATOR
Leonard T. Hunt

HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Raymund Rogers	Phyllis Bickford	Paul Golder
Marie Eccles	John Duggan	Elizabeth Faricy

HERITAGE CAPSULE CUSTODIAN

Vacancy.....		2006
Vacancy.....		2006
Joan McAndrew.....	2004	2007

HERRING WARDEN

Vacancy	Joseph Souza, Deputy	Vacancy

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Christopher Werner, Ex-Officio (Resigned)	2003	2006
John Newell	2004	2007
Ann Harrington	2005	2008
Katharine Turner	2005	2008
Robert Bevis	2006	2009
Ann Marie Sheedy	2006	2009

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Matthew Albanese	2004	2007
Thomas Hoisington	2004	2007
Richard A. Toczko	2004	2009
Robert DeMarino	2003	2008
Vacancy	2004	2009
Advisory Committee:		
Vacancy	2005	2010
Vacancy	2005	2010

LOCKUP KEEPER

Bruce Holmquist

MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE

SUB- COMMITTEES

CENTER OF TOWN - MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION -
HOUSING – WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Mary Adams – Maureen Adams – Donna Ames – John Ames – Mark Anderson – Victoria Benea – Mark Bettencourt – Kenneth Bjorklund – Grete Bohannon – Gail & John Burnham – Elizabeth & Philip Calef – David Churchill – John Dantono – Linda Davidson – John DeCosta, Jr. – Emidio DiVirgilio – Lars (Gary) Elliason – Alan & Deborah Gorham – Leonard & Mary Graf – Thomas Green – James Grimmett – Fred Hartblay –Howard Hayward – John Hebshie – Bruce Holmquist – Wilfred Howard – Jack Hughes – Leonard Hunt – Mitchell Hunt – Hugh Hurley – Alexander Iannitelli – Christopher Iannitelli – Gary Keith Richard Krugger – David Lacy – Wayne Legge – William Lucini – Jac MacDonald – Robert Massey – Stephen McCarthy – Ruth Miles – Peter Moroni – Marguerite Morse – Hilary & Paul Murray – Jacqueline Neely – James Noyes – Beth Robinson – Jon Sharkey – Francine Sheedy – Joan & Paul Sheedy – Robert Smith – Glen Turner – Katharine Turner – Warren Turner – William Turner – Christopher & Christine VanGorder – David Wells – Daniel West – Mary Jane White-John Wilson – Edward Zamaitis.

MEMORIAL FIELD COMMITTEE

Vacancy Michael Feresten Vacancy

MEMORIAL AND VETERANS DAY COMMITTEE

Bruce Holmquist Nancy L. Morrison Richard McMahon
Eldon Moreira Arthur M. Loughman, Jr. Robert Kominsky

MOBILE HOME RENT CONTROL BOARD

Richard J. Freitas	2005	2007
Craig Spence	2004	2007
Michele Kinahan	2005	2008
Craig Harding (Resigned)	2005	2008
Kevin Kelley	2006	2008
Barbara Roulstone	2006	2009

MUNICIPAL BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE

Marco J. Barrile	2004	2007
John Bottini	2004	2007
Richard Freitas	2004	2007
Matthew Albanese	2005	2007
Jerry Lawrence	2004	2007
Victor Flaherty	2005	2008
Arthur Cabral	2005	2008
James Enos	2006	2009
Beth Roll Smith	2006	2009
Al Martelli	2005	2008

MASS. BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Scott Weatherbee

O.C.P.C. AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Marguerite Morse, Delegate
Mary Harrington Graf, Alternate Delegate

OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

Eldon F. Moreira, Delegate	2004	2007

OLD COLONY ELDER SERVICES, INC.

Mary Graf, Delegate
Virginia Nolan, Alternate

OLD COLONY JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Thomas Green, Highway Superintendent, Delegate
Matthew Albanese, Alternate

OPEN SPACE & RECREATION COMMITTEE

Howard W. Hayward
Christopher Iannitelli
Sona S. Hoisington
Hannah Hazlett
Dean Hardy
John Ames
John Connolly
Beth Smith
Victoria Beana
Richard C. Hopkins
Julie Amaral
Al Martelli
Cheryl Cambria

PARKING CLERK

Jerry D. Lawrence

PEST CONTROL SUPERINTENDENT

Christopher Iannitelli..... 2001 2007

PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR

Joseph E. Donovan

ASSISTANT PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR

Edward Cruz

POLICE CHIEF

Donald Clark

PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL DESIGNEE

Eldon F. Moreira

RECYCLING COMMITTEE

John S. Newell, III
Vacancies

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

John Cruz..... 2006 2007
Janet Merritt..... 2005 2008
Francis J. Boyd..... 2006 2009
Nancy L. Morrison..... 2006 2009

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURERS

Herbert A. Wolfer

SENIOR SITE BUILDING COMMITTEE

Frank W. Nelson	Mary H Graf	Jerry Lawrence
Eldon F. Moreira	Bruce Holmquist	Hugh Hurley
Matthew P. Albanese	Albert Salvador	Leonard Hunt

SERVICE MEMBER RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

Robert W. Kominsky	Armen Amerigian	Kevin Conway
Arthur M. Loughman, Jr.		Richard McMahon

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Robert Smith	Walter Thayer	W. Kevin Johnson
William L. Ferretti	Robert Kominsky	Ann M. Savignano
	William Stoddard	

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Thomas C. Green

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING REVIEW BOARD (TIF)

Matthew Albanese	Cheryl Smith	John Duggan
Elizabeth Faricy		Richard Toczko

TENNIS COURT COMMITTEE

Vacancy
Kevin Kelley
Vacancy

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

John J. O'Brien

TOWN COUNCIL

David Gay, Esq.

TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

Vacancy
Christopher Iannitelli
Keith Hahl
Vacancy

TOWN PARK COMMITTEE

Vacancy
Christopher Iannitelli
Marian MacDonald
Jerry Lawrence
Christopher Werner
Jac MacDonald

TOWN RIVER STUDY COMMITTEE

Christopher Iannitelli
Vacancy
Christopher Cross
Susan Cross
Jac MacDonald

TOWN WEIGHER

Officer Michael Cummings

TREASURER/COLLECTOR

John G. Duggan

VEHICLE MAINTNENANCE SUPERINTENDENT

Leonard Graf III

VETERANS AGENT

Armen Amerigian

WAR MEMORIAL PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Barry Meltzer
Christopher Iannitelli
Vacancy
Francine Sheedy
Howard Hayward
Charles Johnson
Eldon Moreira
Katharine Turner
Vacancy
Marlene Howell
Jerry D. Lawrence
Gregory Sheedy
Vacancy

WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Victoria Bena
Marguerite Morse
Jack Hughes
Richard Krugger
Thomas Green
Vacancy
Vacancy
Emidio DiVirgili (exofficio)
Howard Hayward
Vacancy

WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL

Richard Krugger, Jr.

WIRING INSPECTOR

Kevin S. Greiner

ASSISTANT WIRING INSPECTOR
Albert K. Greiner

WEST BRIDGEWATER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION
Leonard T. Hunt, Director
Donald Clark, Deputy
Bruce Holmquist, Deputy
Ronald Snell, Deputy

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MODERATOR

COMMITTEE TO APPOINT A FINANCE COMMITTEE

Joanna Savage
Marion Loughman
Henry Bishop
Paul Sheedy

STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

Raymond L. Silva
Robert L. Kellie
Vacancy
Vacancy
Vacancy

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Wade Estabrooks	2003	2006
J. Edward Carchidi, DDS	2003	2006
Sandra White	2003	2006
James C. Lang II	2004	2007
Joseph Ritucci	2004	2007
Richard Heath	2004	2007
Pamela Humphreys	2005	2008
Robert L. Smith	2005	2008
Denise Reyes	2006	2009
Jennifer Clark-Crose	2006	2009

MODERATORS COMMITTEE FOR SCHOOL RESTORATION

William Pope
John F. Bottini, Jr.
Sonja Bolmant
Richard Freitas
Warren Sederberg
David Gill
Jeffrey Russell
Thomas Kilpatrick
Victor Flaherty

APPOINTMENTS BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Lee Anderson
Howard A. Anderson

BOARD OF HEALTH PHYSICIAN

Dr. Brian Blanchette

BURIAL AGENTS

Marie Eccles | Nancy L. Morrison | Bruce Holmquist

APPOINTMENTS BY THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

Richard W. Gibson

DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS

Paul R. Lanoue	Paul Golder	Allen A. Breer
Michael D. St.George	James J. Rocha	Gerald E. Stetson
Richard W. Gibson	C. Douglas Hill	Kenneth J. May
John A. Bartorelli	David L. Niklason	William R. Choate

LICENSE AND PERMIT FEES

The following monies were received in the Town Clerk's office and paid to the treasurer for the FY/06

Building, Plumbing, Gas & Electric permits	$136,609.88
Transfer Station	76,260.00
Fish and Game Fees	571.15
Dog Licenses and fines	7,145.00
Non-criminal Fines	3,135.00
Passport processing fees	6,930.00
Misc. receipts	15,341.56
	$245,992.59
Fish and Wildlife licenses payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.	$ 6,425.25
Total	$252,417.84

FOR THE PROTECTION OF PRIVACY OF WEST BRIDGEWATER RESIDENTS, THE NAMES AND DATES OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES WILL NO LONGER BE INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT.

The total number of births recorded in 2006 was	58
The total number of marriages recorded in 2006 was	34
The total number of deaths recorded in 2006 was	135

Certified copies of vital records are available upon request at the usual fee.
Please call the Town Clerk's Office (508) 894-1200 for further information.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy L. Morrison, Town Clerk

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

APRIL 8, 2006

The Annual Town Election was held at the Spring Street School on Saturday, April 8, 2006. Constable Walter Thayer, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, and the by-laws of the town posted the Warrant, issued by the Board of Selectmen, on March 9, 2006.

Specimen ballots, cards of instruction and abstracts of the laws imposing penalties upon voters were posted as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The polls were opened at 9:00 a.m., as required by the by-laws of the town. The voting machines in both precincts were inspected and a zero total was printed out. A total of 2,400 ballots were given to the wardens, Warren Turner and Paul McMahon.

At the close of the polls at 8:00 p.m. the voting machines showed a total of 1,627 votes had been cast.

The following were sworn in as election officials:

Precinct 1: Paul McMahon, Warden; Natalie Beaulieu, Clerk; Beverly Reynolds, Marion Loughman, Barbara Roulstone, Joan McAndrew, Checkers; Marion Loughman, Tally.

Precinct 2: Warren Turner, Warden; Marilyn Raleigh, Clerk; Janet Beaulieu, Virginia Nolan, Lois Flaherty, Pauline Peterson, Checkers; Linda Craig; Tally.

Alison Eldridge and Andrew Upton assisted with setting up and taking down the election equipment.

The election proceeded as follows:

MODERATOR	Vote for One	# of Votes
Three Years		
Marion L. Leonard	7 Highland Ave.	1307
Write-In		9
Blanks		311

Marion L. Leonard declared elected

TOWN CLERK	Vote for One	
Three Years		
Nancy L. Morrison	23 Progressive Ave.	1347
Write-In		7
Blanks		273

Nancy L. Morrison declared elected

SELECTMEN	Vote for One	
Three Years		
Richard J. Freitas	295 River St.	585
Jerry D. Lawrence	62 Progressive Ave	857
Edward J. Medairos	220 Walnut St.	162
Write-In		0
Blanks		23

Jerry D. Lawrence declared elected

ASSESSORS	Vote for One	
Three Years		
Cheryl A. Smith	5 Apple Ln	1137
Write-In		13
Blanks		477

Cheryl A. Smith declared elected

ASSESSORS	Vote for One	
One Year		
Stephen McCarthy	18 Harvestwood Dr	1125
Write-In		9
Blanks		493

Stephen McCarthy declared elected

SCHOOL COMMITTEE	Vote for Two	
Three Years		
Kathleen M. Grant	10 Fieldstone Terr.	705
Anne G. Iannitelli	60 N. Main St.	993
Maureen E. Sass	5 Marisa Dr.	755
Write-In		3
Blanks		798

Anne G. Iannitelli & Maureen Sass
declared elected

BOARD OF HEALTH	Vote for One	
Three Years		
John F. Cruz	123 N. Elm St.	1197
Write-In		6
Blanks		424

John F. Cruz declared elected

TREE WARDEN	Vote for One	
Three Years		
Christopher D. Iannitelli	60 N. Main St.	1299
Write-In		6
Blanks		322

Christopher A. Iannitelli declared elected

PLANNING	Vote for One	
Five Years		
Hugh Hurley		1167
Write-In		8
Blanks		452

Hugh Hurley declared elected

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY	Vote for Two	
Three Years		
Robert A. Sullivan	11 Milebrook Rd.	1015
Molly P. Smith	48 Roosevelt Ave	879
Write-In		14
Blanks		1346

Robert A. Sullivan & Molly P. Smith
declared elected

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY	Vote for One	
One Year		
Thomas J Driscoll-Write-In	63 Brooks Pl.	15
James E. Benson-Write-In	35 South St.	10
Write-In		87
Blanks		1515

Thomas Driscoll declared elected

WATER COMMISSIONER	Vote for One	
Three Years		
Donald G. Asack	79 Forest St.	1213
Write-In		7
Blanks		407

Donald G. Asack declared elected

HOUSING AUTHORITY	Vote for One	
Five Years		
Marion L. Leonard	7 Highland Ave	1242
Write-In		3
Blanks		382

Marion L. Leonard declared elected

CONSTABLE	Vote for One	
One Year		
Jeremy Alger		237
Bruce Holmquist		1275
Write-In		0
Blanks		115

Bruce Holmquist declared elected

Question 1: SHALL THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER BE ALLOWED TO EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF PROPOSITION TWO AND ONE-HALF, SO CALLED, THE AMOUNTS REQUIRED TO PAY FOR THE BONDS TO BE ISSUED IN ORDER TO FINANCE CONSTRUCTING AN ADDITION TO AND REMODELING, RECONSTRUCTING AND MAKING EXTRAORDINARY REPAIRS TO THE FIRE STATION AND THE POLICE STATION, INCLUDING ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT AND LANDSCAPING, PAVING AND OTHER SITE IMPROVEMENTS INCIDENTAL; OR DIRECTLY RELATED THERETO?

YES	674
NO	664
WRITE-IN	0
BLANKS	289

Question 1: Passes

A true copy, Attest: _____
Nancy L. Morrison, Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
WARRANT ARTICLES

Monday, June 12, 2006 – 7:00 PM
West Bridgewater Junior/Senior High School Gymnasium

A meeting of which the inhabitants of the town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs were notified by warrant issued by the board of Selectmen and posted by Constable Walter Thayer on June 2, 2006.

Moderator Marion L. Leonard called the meeting to order at 7:05. Father Edward McDonagh of St. Ann's Church gave the invocation. The Boy Scouts from Troop 25 presented the colors and the Girl Scouts lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Kathryn DePaola sang the Star Spangled Banner.

With 194 qualified voters and 46 guests the meeting proceeded as follows:

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN CONSIDER ARTICLES 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9 10 AS PRINTED ON THE WARRANT AS A SINGLE "CONSENT" ARTICLE WITH:**

THE UPPER LIMIT ON ARTICLE 6 ESTABLISHED AT $40,000;
THE UPPER LIMIT ON ARTICLE 7 ESTABLISHED AT $28,000;
THE UPPER LIMIT ON ARTICLE 8 ESTABLISHED AT $4.000;
THE UPPER LIMIT ON ARTICLE 9 ESTABLISHED AT $11,500;
THE UPPER LIMIT ON ARTICLE 10 ESTABLISGED AT $64,000.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Article 1: To hear reports of all Town Officers and act thereon.

MOVE: **THAT THE REPORTS OF ALL TOWN OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN THE 2005 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract or contracts with the Massachusetts Department of Public Works for the construction and maintenance of public highways for the fiscal year, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS WITH THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC HIGHWAYS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2006**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion to recess for Special Town Meeting at 7:15 P.M.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Annual Town Meeting resumed at 7:47 P.M.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to determine the salaries of the following elected Town Officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006:

Moderator	Tree Warden
Board of Selectmen	Board of Assessors
Town Clerk	Water Commissioners
Board of Health	

The following officers to serve without pay:

Library Trustees	School Committee
Planning Board	

Or take any action relative thereto.

VOTE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO DETERMINE THE SALARIES OF THE FOLLOWING ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2006.**

MODERATOR	**$ 328**	**TREE WARDEN**	**$1,572**
BOARD OF SELECTMEN	**$10.072**	**BOARD OF ASSESSORS**	**$10,233**
TOWN CLERK	**$52,747**	**WATER COMMISSIONERS**	**$7,082**
BOARD OF HEALTH	**$ 2,502**		

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 4: To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 and to make appropriations for the same, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $19,541,744 FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE TOWN AND OTHER USUAL OR NECESSARY TOWN CHARGES AS HEREIN SPECIFIED AND REQUESTED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2006 FOR THE PURPOSES HEREIN DESCRIBED AND FURTHER THAT THE SUM OF $18,011,225 BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED AND THE SUM OF $1,530,489 BE TRANSFERRED AS FOLLOWS:

From Estimated Water Revenues to:	Water Department (4500)	$1,173,989
From Emergency Medical Services Receipts	Fire Department (2200)	350,000
From Conservation Wetland Protection Fund	Conservation Commission (1710)	6,500
	TOTAL	$1,530,489

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Stabilization Fund a sum of money to defray Town charges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2006 and to make appropriations for the same, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: TO PASS WITHOUT ACTION

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging Supportive Care Program to be used by the Council on Aging for expenses needed to run said program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of $40,000 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE, AS PROVIDED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, THE RETENTION OF REVENUE GENERATED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER COUNCIL ON AGING SOCIAL DAY CARE PROGRAM TO BE USED BY THE COUNCIL ON AGING FOR EXPENSES NEEDED TO RUN SAID PROGRAM ON A YEAR-ROUND BASIS AND TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND FOR SUCH PURPOSE FROM WHICH THE DIRECTOR OF ELDER SERVICES WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE EXPENDITURES AND WHICH SHALL HAVE AS AN ANNUAL UPPER LIMIT AN AMOUNT OF $40,000 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging's Nutrition Program to be used by the Council to purchase supplies needed to run the program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of $28,000 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE, AS PROVIDED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, THE RETENTION OF REVENUE GENERATED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER COUNCIL ON AGING'S NUTRITION PROGRAM TO BE USED BY THE COUNCIL TO PURCHASE SUPPLIES NEEDED TO RUN THE PROGRAM ON A YEAR-ROUND BASIS AND TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND FOR SUCH PURPOSE FROM WHICH THE DIRECTOR OF ELDER SERVICES WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE EXPENDITURES AND WHICH SHALL HAVE AS AN ANNUAL UPPER LIMIT AN AMOUNT OF $28,000 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize as provided in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging's Transportation Program to be used by the Council to pay necessary expenses to run the program on a year round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make these expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of $4,000 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE AS PROVIDED IN MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, THE RETENTION OF REVENUE GENERATED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER COUNCIL ON AGING'S TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM TO BE USED BY THE COUNCIL TO PAY NECESSARY EXPENSES TO RUN THE PROGRAM ON A YEAR ROUND BASIS AND TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND FOR SUCH PURPOSE FROM WHICH THE DIRECTOR OF ELDER SERVICES WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE THESE EXPENDITURES AND WHICH SHALL HAVE AS AN ANNUAL UPPER LIMIT AN AMOUNT OF $4,000 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of fines and fees collected by the West Bridgewater Public Library to be used for general library expenses for said Library and to establish a revolving fund for such a purpose from which the Library Director will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit request in FY07 of $11,500 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE, AS PROVIDED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, THE RETENTION OF FINES AND FEES COLLECTED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF GENERAL LIBRARY EXPENSES FOR SAID LIBRARY AND TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND FOR SUCH A PURPOSE FROM WHICH THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE EXPENDITURES AND WHICH SHALL HAVE AS AN ANNUAL UPPER LIMIT REQUEST IN FY 2007 OF $11,500 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Public Schools' Preschool Program, to be used by the preschool for expenses needed to run said program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the School Committee will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of $64,000 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE, AS PROVIDED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, THE RETENTION OF REVENUE GENERATED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC SCHOOLS' PRESCHOOL PROGRAM TO BE USED BY THE PRESCHOOL FOR EXPENSES NEEDED TO RUN SAID PROGRAM ON A YEAR-ROUND BASIS AND WHICH SHALL HAVE AS AN ANNUAL UPPER LIMIT AN AMOUNT OF $64,000 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to establish a reserve for wage increases for General Government employees for FY2007 subject to contract negotiations and appropriate Town Meeting approval, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $35,000 TO ESTABLISH A RESERVE FOR WAGE INCREASES FOR GENERAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES FOR FY2007 SUBJECT TO CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 12 To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 4 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986 and to further accept the provisions of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988, which will grant a percentage increase to real estate tax exemptions to persons who are otherwise qualified for such exemptions, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 4 OF CHAPTER 73 OF THE ACTS OF 1986 AND TO FURTHER ACCEPT THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 126 OF THE ACTS OF 1988 WHICH WILL GRANT A PERCENTAGE INCREASE TO REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTIONS TO PERSONS WHO ARE OTHERWISE QUALIFIED FOR SUCH EXEMPTIONS AND FURTHER TO INCREASE THE REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION TO PERSONS SO QUALIFIED BY 25% FOR FY2007.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to renovate and construct an addition to the Police and Fire Station provided that such project shall only commence after successful passage of a proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion override ballot vote or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF FIVE (5) MILLION DOLLARS FOR CONSTRUCTING AN ADDITION TO AND REMODELING, RECONSTRUCTING AND MAKING EXTRAORDINARY REPAIRS TO THE FIRE STATION AND POLICE STATION INCLUDING ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT AND LANDSCAPING, PAVING AND OTHER SITE IMPROVEMENTS INCIDENTAL OR DIRECTLY RELATED THERETO; THAT TO MEET THIS APPROPRIATION THE TREASURER WITH THE**

APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW $5,000,000 UNDER G.L. CHAPTER 44, SECTION 7 OR ANY OTHER ENABLING AUTHORITY, THE TOWN HAVING ALREADY VOTED ON APRIL 8, 2006 TO EXEMPT FROM THE LIMITATIONS ON TOTAL TAXES IMPOSED BY G. L. CHAPTER 59, SECTION 21C (PROPOSITION 2 ½)THE AMOUNTS REQUIRED TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON THE BONDS TO BE ISSUED TO FINANCE THIS CONSTRUCTION, AND THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THIS PROJECT.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A DECLARED 2/3 VOTE

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint Victor R. Flaherty Sr. to the position of Owner's Project Manager for the Police and Fire Stations' Expansion project in accordance with MGL Chapter 149 Section 44 A ½ and MGL 268A Section 21A, or take any action thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO APPOINT VICTOR R. FLAHERTY TO THE POSITION OF OWNER'S PROJECT MANAGER FOR THE POLICE AND FIRE STATIONS' EXPANSION PROJECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH MGL CHAPTER 149 SECTION 44 A ½ AND MGL 268 A SECTION 21A.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 32, Section 4, paragraph (1)(o1/2) regarding the establishment of credit for time in service for members of the Library Board of Trustees in which no compensation has been received or take an action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN ACCEPT THE PROVISIONS OF MGL CHAPTER 32, SECTION 4, PARAGRAPH (1) (0 ½) REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CREDIT FOR TIME IN SERVICE FOR MEMBERS OF THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES IN WHICH NO COMPENSATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase and equip one new police cruiser for the Police Department and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of one older cruiser in the best interest of the Town, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $30,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PURCHASE AND EQUIP ONE NEW POLICE CRUISER FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO DISPOSE OF ONE OLDER CRUISER IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money as the Town's match for the WEB Task Force Grant or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $10,000 AS THE TOWN'S MATCH FOR THE WEB TASK FORCE GRANT FOR FY07.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the School Committee to hire a consultant for renovation projects at the Schools or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE $20,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO HIRE A CONSULTANT FOR RENOVATION PROJECTS AT THE SCHOOLS.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the School Committee to purchase textbooks for the West Bridgewater High School or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **TO PASS WITHOUT ACTION.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase a new or refurbished copier machine for the Town Clerk, and to dispose of the presently used copier in the best interest of the Town, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE $3,800 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PURCHASE A NEW OR REFURBISHED COPIER MACHINE FOR THE TOWN CLERK, AND TO DISPOSE OF THE PRESENTLY USED COPIER IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to fund municipal building repairs approved by the Municipal Building Needs Committee or take any action relative thereto

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE $25,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO FUND MUNICIPAL BUILDING REPAIRS APPROVED BY THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the School Committee to repair and/or replace the roofs at the Rose L. MacDonald School or take any action relative thereto. (550,000 borrow)

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF $600,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO ACQUIRE ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING DESIGN PLANS TO REPAIR/REPLACE THE ROOFS AT THE ROSE L. MACDONALD SCHOOL AND THAN GO OUT TO BID TO PERFORM THE NEEDED SCHOOL ROOF REPAIRS. THIS IS $50,000 MORE THAN THE POSTED AMOUNT IN ORDER TO INCLUDE ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING COST FOR THIS PROJECT.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of West Bridgewater's Zoning By-Laws by making the following changes or take any action relative thereto:

3.0 ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS

3.1 Districts

Add the Town Center District as a zoning district.

3.1.1. The Town of West Bridgewater is hereby divided into the following zoning districts:

General Residential and Farming District
Business District
Industrial District
Town Center District
Flood Plain District (Overlay District)
Water Resource Protection District (Overlay District)

3.1.2. General Residential and Farming District: The purpose of the General Residential and Farming District is to provide suitable areas devoted to residential uses and agricultural pursuits.

3.1.3. Business District: The purpose of the Business District is to provide areas for the conduct of business activities.

3.1.4. Industrial District: The purpose of the Industrial District is to provide areas for industry, research and office and industrial parks.

3.1.5. Town Center District: The purposes of the Town Center District are to create a traditional town center-like setting in West Bridgewater's Central Square that has the potential to become more pedestrian-oriented. The District shall primarily include commercial uses providing local goods and services rather than regional goods and services. Buildings shall be of proportionately small scale commensurate with the provision of local goods and services to reinforce the town center setting. Housing is also encouraged in this district on upper floors above ground floor commercial stores along the street frontage.

3.1.6. Flood Plain District: The purposes of the Flood Plain as an overlay district to all other zoning districts are to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare; to protect human life and property from the hazards of periodic flooding; to preserve the natural flood control characteristics and the flood storage capacity of the flood plain; and to preserve and maintain the groundwater table and water recharge areas within the flood plain. (See Section 4.5.).

3.1.7. Water Resource Protection District: The purposes of the Water Resource Protection District as an overlay district to all other zoning districts are to protect the public health of the residents of the Town from contamination of existing and potential public groundwater supplies and to protect, preserve and maintain the aquifers and

recharge areas of existing and potential groundwater supplies within the Town as sources of public water. (See Section 4.6).

3.2. Location Of Districts

Change the date of the Zoning Map from April 17, 2002, to June 12, 2006:

3.2.1. Zoning Map. Except for the Flood Plain District (Overlay District) and the Water Resource Protection District (Overlay District), the location and boundaries of the Zoning Districts are hereby established as shown on a map, entitled "Zoning Map of the Town of West Bridgewater", approved by the Planning Board on June 7, 2006

3.2.2. and filed with the office of the Town Clerk, which map, together with all explanatory matter thereon, is hereby adopted and incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this By-law. Changes may be made in the zoning district boundaries and other matter shown on the Zoning Map in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, Section 5 of the General Laws. Whenever any such change is made, the Town Clerk shall provide for such revision to be made on the Zoning Map within thirty (30) days of the effective date of the amendment, but no delay in updating the Zoning Map shall effect the validity and application of such amendment. In the event of a conflict between the Zoning Map and the records of the Town Meetings at which the changes and additions to the Zoning Map were made, such records shall take precedence.

4.0. USE REGULATIONS

4.3. Use Designations

Add TC as the symbol used in the Table of Use Regulations for the Town Center District:

GRF	-	General Residential and Farming District
B	-	Business District
I	-	Industrial District
TC	-	Town Center District
Y	-	A use permitted as of right
N	-	A use not permitted
SA	-	A use permitted only under a special permit granted by the Board of Appeals
SPB	-	A use permitted only under a special permit granted by the Planning Board

4.4. The following is the Table of Use Regulations.

Amend the Table of Use Regulations by deleting the current Table in its entirety and substituting therefore the following Table of Use Regulations. The individual changes in the Table are italicized thereon.

TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS

PRINCIPAL USE	GRF	B	I	*TC*
Residential Uses				
1. Single family dwelling	Y	N	N	*Y*
2. Two-family dwelling	Y	N	N	*Y*
3. Conversion of existing owner-occupied dwelling to two-family dwelling	SA	N	N	*Y*
4. Manufactured Housing Community (Mobile Home Park)	SPB	N	N	*N*
5. Adult Retirement Community	SPB	SPB	SPB	*SPB*
6. Mixed Residential/commercial (Maximum of 2 bedrooms/unit, no residential on ground floor)	*N*	*N*	*N*	*Y*
Agricultural Uses				
1. Farming, dairy, nursery, market garden, greenhouse or other agricultural, horticultural, floricultural or viticulture uses, including the sale of natural products	Y	Y	Y	*Y*
Educational, Religious, Institutional, and Recreational Uses				
1. Educational purposes on land owned or leased by the Commonwealth or any of its agencies, subdivisions or bodies politic or by a religious sect or denomination, or by a non-profit educational corporation	Y	Y	Y	*Y*
2. Churches or other places of religious worship	Y	Y	Y	*Y*
3. Day Care Center	Y	Y	Y	*Y*
4. Hospitals and outpatient clinics	N	SA	SA	*SA*
5. Nursing homes, convalescent homes, group homes, rest homes, residential care facilities, and other similar uses	SA	SA	SA	*SA*
6. Family day care home	SA	SA	N	*SA*
7. Membership clubs, private non-profit clubs, golf clubs, and country clubs	SA	SA	SA	*SA*
8. Health clubs and racquet clubs	N	SA	Y	*SA*
9. Public library	SA	SA	SA	*SA*
10. Public park, playground, or other public recreational facility	SA	SA	SA	*SA*
11. Cemetery	SA	N	N	*N*
Governmental and Public Service Uses				
1. Municipal or public buildings	SA	SA	SA	*SA*
PRINCIPAL USE	GRF	B	I	*TC*
2. Municipal or public utilities necessary in connection with serving the Town	SA	SA	SA	*SA*
3. Public utility buildings or yards screened from abutting lots	N	SA	Y	*SA*

or exterior streets by a solid landscaped screen and/or fence at least five (5) feet but no more than seven (7) feet in height				
4. Public parking garage	N	SA	SA	*SA*
5. Easement for drainage, utilities, walkways, roads and driveway	Y	Y	Y	*Y*
Retail, Business and Consumer Services				
1. Adult Bookstore	N	N	SA	*N*
2. Adult Cabaret	N	N	SA	*N*
3. Adult Motion Picture Theater	N	N	SA	*N*
4. Adult Paraphernalia Store	N	N	SA	*N*
5. Adult Video Store	N	N	SA	*N*
6. Animal Hospital/Clinic	N	SA	SA	*N*
7. Bed and breakfast	SA	Y	N	*Y*
8. Dry cleaning, on site	N	N	N	*N*
9. Funeral homes and funeral chapels	N	Y	N	*SA*
10. Gasoline service stations, including routine maintenance operations	N	N	SA	*N*
11a. Home occupation or trade with: No exterior storage nor more than two non-resident employees.	Y	Y	Y	*Y*
11b. Home occupation or trade with exterior storage and/or non-resident employment	N	SA	SA	*N*
12. Hotels and motels	N	SA	SA	*N*
13a. Kennels Commercial	SA	SA	SA	*N*
13b. Kennels Private	SA	SA	SA	*N*
14. Motor vehicle sales and repair facilities, including repairing, painting, storing or washing of vehicles	N	SA	SA	*N*
15. Offices	N	Y	Y	*Y*
16. Redemption center	N	Y	Y	*N*
17. Restaurant, fast food with drive-up or window service	N	SA	SA	*SA*
18. Restaurant where there is no drive-up service, food and beverages are consumed indoors, and with a maximum gross floor area of two thousand (2,000) square feet	N	Y	Y	*SA*
19. Restaurant where there is no drive-up service, food and beverages are served indoors and with a gross floor area greater than two thousand (2,000) square feet	N	SA	SA	*SA*
20a. Retail business or service conducted within a structure	N	Y	Y	*Y*
20b. Retail business or service with drive-up or window service	N	SA	SA	*SA*
20c. Retail business or service with exterior display	N	SA	SA	*SA*
PRINCIPAL USE	GRF	B	I	*TC*
21. Shopping center	N	SPB	SPB	*N*
Commercial and Industrial Uses				
1. Bottling or packaging of previously prepared products	N	SA	SA	*N*
2. Contractor's offices and storage yards, screened from abutting lots or exterior streets by a solid landscaped screen	SA	SA	SA	*N*

and/or fence at least five (5) feet but no more than seven (7) feet in height				
3. Industrial park	N	N	Y	*N*
4. Junk yard	N	N	N	*N*
5. Manufacturing	N	SA	SA	*N*
6. Motor vehicle junkyard	N	N	N	*N*
7. Wireless Communications Facility	N	N	SPB	*N*
8. Recycling plant	N	N	SA	*N*
9. Warehouse and distribution centers, except fuel	N	N	Y	*N*
Permitted Accessory Uses and Structures				
1. Uses, whether or not on the same parcel as activities permitted as a matter of right, accessory to activities permitted as a matter of right, which activities are necessary in connection with scientific research or scientific development or related production, may be permitted upon the issuance of a special permit provided the special permit granting authority finds that the proposed accessory use does not substantially derogate from the public good	SA	SA	SA	*SA*
2. Accessory uses customarily incidental to a permitted ***residential*** use on the same premises, such as barns, cabanas, pools, and garages for the vehicles of the occupants, provided that they are not detrimental to *the* neighborhood because of traffic, noise, odor or lighting in connection with the use	Y	Y	Y	*Y*
3. Accessory uses customarily incidental to a permitted commercial use on the same premises, such as barns, cabanas, pools, and garages for the vehicles of the occupants, provided that they are not detrimental to the neighborhood because of traffic, noise, odor or lighting in connection with the use	*N*	*Y*	*Y*	*SA*

5.0. INTENSITY OF USE REGULATIONS

5.2. Dimensional and Density Requirements

5.2.1. Table of Dimensional and Density Requirements

Amend the Table of Dimensional and Density Requirements by deleting the current Table and substituting therefore the following Table of Dimensional and Density Requirements:

TABLE OF DIMENSIONAL AND DENSITY REQUIREMENTS

District	Use	Min. Lot Area (Sq. Ft.)	Min. Lot Frontage (In Ft.)	Min. Front Setback (In Ft.)	Min. Side Setback (In Ft.)	Min. Rear Setback (In Ft.)	Building Height (In Ft.)	Coverage	Accessory Building Setbacks (In Ft.) F	S	R
GRF	Single Family Dwelling	30,000	150	35	20	35	35	30%	35	15	10
	Two Family Dwelling	60,000	200	35	20	35	35	30%	35	15	10
	Manufactured Home[1]	8,000	70	20	20	20	N/A	N/A	20	10	10
B	Any Permitted Use	18,750	125	35	20	35	40	30%	35	15	10
I	Any Permitted Use	87,120	250	50	40	40	N/A	30%	50	40	40
TC	Any Permitted Use	10,000	75	5 min. and 15 max	10	10	40 or three floors	50%; up to 75% by special permit	None allowed	5	5

6.3. Off-Street Parking Requirements

6.3.1. Required Parking

Add the following subparagraph to this Section 6.3.1.:

h. Town Center District: No parking allowed between primary structure and the street.

7.2. Site Plan

Add the following as a new Section 7.2.3.3. and renumber the existing 7.2.3.3 as 7.2.3.4. and existing 7.2.3.4. as 7.2.3.5.:

7.2.3.3. For site plans for the Town Center District: In the Town Center (TC) District, the following design standards shall be incorporated in the site plan:

a. All requirements as set forth in 7.2.3.2.

b. Mixed residential and commercial uses are encouraged within the same building.

c. The adaptive reuse of existing residential structures for commercial use is encouraged.

d. Buildings shall be located a minimum of five (5) feet from the front property line, but not more than fifteen (15) feet from the property line. Front yards shall be appropriately landscaped and not covered with impervious surface.

[1] Requirements apply to each manufactured home lot. Fifty (50) acres minimum project site.

e. Parking lots should be located to the side or rear of the principal building on the locus.

f. Driveway curb cuts shall be located so as not to interfere with existing intersections. Adjacent businesses are encouraged to share driveway curb cuts and to connect parking areas to minimize traffic hazards.

g. Sites should be developed to encourage pedestrian access within the locus and the TC District.

Or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AMEND THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER ZONING BY-LAWS BY ADOPTING THE CHANGES AS PRINTED ON THE WARRANT.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A DECLARED 2/3 VOTE

Article 24: To see if the Town of West Bridgewater will, in accordance with MGL Chapter 40, Section 4A, authorize the Board of Health, Health Agent to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with one or more other governmental units to provide public health services which the Board of Health is authorized to perform, in accordance with an Inter-municipal Mutual Aid Agreement to be entered into between the Town and various governmental units, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF HEALTH IN ACCORDANCE WITH MGL CHAPTER 40, SECTION 4A ENTER INTO AN INTER-MUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH ONE OR MORE OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNITS TO PROVIDE PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES WHICH THE BOARD OF HEALTH IS AUTHORIZED TO PERFORM, IN ACCORDANCE WITH AN INTER-MUNICIPAL MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT TO BE ENTERED INTO BETWEEN THE TOWN AND VARIOUS GOVERNMENTAL UNITS.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provision of MGL Chapter 32B Section 10A entitled "Group Dental Insurance Acceptance" which would allow the Town to purchase insurance or include the cost thereof for dental expenses under those sections of this chapter which provide for the purchase of hospital, surgical, medical, dental and other health insurance benefits for benefit eligible employees with those employees contributing a share of these costs for said insurance or take any action relative thereto. (by petition)

MOVE: **TO PASS WITHOUT ACTION.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION DEFEATED BY MAJORITY VOTE

NEW MOTION MADE BY PETITIONER: TO SEE IF THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PROVISION OF MGL CHAPTER 32B SECTION 10A ENTITLED "GROUP DENTAL INSURANCE ACCEPTANCE" WHICH WOULD ALLOW THE TOWN TO PURCHASE INSURANCE OR INCLUDE THE COST THEREOF FOR DENTAL EXPENSES UNDER THOSE SECTIONS OF THIS CHAPTER WHICH PROVIDE FOR THE PURCHASE OF HOSPITAL, SURGICAL, MEDICAL, DENTAL AND OTHER HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR BENEFIT ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES WITH THOSE EMPLOYEES CONTRIBUTING A SHARE OF THE COST FOR SAID INSURANCE.

UPON VOTE, MOTION DEFEATED BY COUNTED VOTE: YES 47, NO 48

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to grant the Board of Selectmen the authority to obtain whatever parcels or easements are necessary as related to the Reconstruction of South Street Bridge or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO GRANT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AUTHORITY TO OBTAIN WHATEVER PARCELS OR EASEMENTS ARE NECESSARY AS RELATED TO THE RECONSTRUCTION OF SOUTH STREET BRIDGE.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to take a certain parcel of land in West Bridgewater, Massachusetts as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of South Street Alteration in the Town of West Bridgewater as laid out by the Board of Selectman, Scale 1"=20', dated May 16, 2006, by Hayward-Boynton & Williams, Inc., Land Surveyors & Civil Engineers, 60 Court Street, Taunton, MA" is further bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point located on the northeasterly side of South Street, said point being the southwesterly corner of E-2 and the northwesterly corner of the herein described parcel.

THENCE running along said E-2, downstream 50 feet plus or minus to remaining land now or formerly belonging to Paul A. & Laura A. Merola;

THENCE turning and running along said Merola land, S40°37'22"E, 38 feet plus or minus to a concrete bound;

THENCE running still along said Merola land, S26°18'37"E, 78.65 feet to a concrete bound and South Street;

THENCE turning and running along said South Street, N89°00'16"W, 8.07 feet to a point;

THENCE running still along said South Street, N55°56'38"W, 81.57 feet to a point;

THENCE running still along said South Street, N46°49'11"W, 30.8 feet plus or minus to E-2 and the point of beginning.

Said parcel contains 3,696 plus or minus Square Feet, and is being donated to the Town by Paul A. & Laura Merola, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN ACCEPT THE DONATION OF 3,696 +/- SQUARE FEET OF LAND FROM PAUL A. AND LAURA MEROLA TO BE ADDED TO THE REVISED TOWN LAYOUT FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF SOUTH STREET BRIDGE, SUCH LAND AS DESCRIBED ON THE WARRANT AS E-1.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to take a certain parcel of land in West Bridgewater, Massachusetts as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of South Street Alteration in the Town of West Bridgewater as laid out by the Board of Selectman, Scale 1"=20', dated May 16, 2006, by Hayward-Boynton & Williams, Inc., Land Surveyors & Civil Engineers, 60 Court Street, Taunton, MA" is further bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point located on the northeasterly side of South Street, said point being the southwesterly corner of E-3 and the northwesterly corner of the herein described parcel, at the center of the Town River;

THENCE running along said E-3 downstream 55 feet plus or minus to remaining land now or formerly belonging to Paul A. & Laura A. Merola;

THENCE turning and running along said Merola land, S40°37'22"E, 47 feet plus or minus to a corner and E-1;

THENCE turning and running along said E-1, upstream 50 feet plus or minus to a corner and South Street;

THENCE turning and running along said South Street, N46°49'11"W, 36.0 feet plus or minus to said E-3 and the point of beginning.

Said parcel contains 2,208 plus or minus Square Feet and is being donated by Paul A. and Laura A. Merola, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN ACCEPT THE DONATION OF 2,208 +/- SQUARE FEET OF LAND FROM PAUL A. AND LAURA A. MEROLA TO BE ADDED TO THE REVISED TOWN LAYOUT FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF SOUTH STREET BRIDGE, SUCH LAND AS DESCRIBED ON THE WARRANT AS E-2.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to take a certain parcel of land in West Bridgewater, Massachusetts as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of South Street Alteration in the Town of West Bridgewater as laid out by the Board of Selectman, Scale 1"=20', dated May 16, 2006, by Hayward-Boynton & Williams, Inc., Land Surveyors & Civil Engineers, 60 Court Street, Taunton, MA" is further bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point located on the northeasterly side of South Street, said point being the northwesterly corner of E-2 and the southwesterly corner of the herein described parcel, at the approximate center of the Town River.

THENCE running along said South Street, N46°49'11"W, 15.7 feet plus or minus to a point;

THENCE running still along said South Street, N33°12'29"W, 64.79 feet to a corner and River Street;

THENCE turning and running along said River Street, N25°53'00"E, 36.68 fcet to a point;

THENCE running still along said River Street, N44°27'48"EW, 13.97 feet to a concrete bound and remaining land now or formerly belonging to Arthur P. & Ann K. Carriere;

THENCE turning and running along said Carriere land, S40°37'22"E, 85 feet plus or minus to a corner and E-2, at the center of the Town River;

THENCE turning and running along said E-2, upstream 55 feet plus or minus to South Street and the point of beginning.

Said parccl contains 4,321 plus or minus Square Feet and is being donated by Arthur P. and Ann K. Carriere, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN ACCEPT THE DONATION OF 4,321 +/- SQUARE FEET OF LAND FROM ARTHUR P. AND ANN K. CARRIER TO BE ADDED TO THE REVISED TOWN LAYOUT FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF SOUTH STREET BRIDGE, SUCH LAND AS DESCRIBED ON THE WARRANT AS E-3.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 30: To see if the Town will vote to establish a new set of fees for sealing, weighing and measuring devices as listed below:

Fee Schedules – Department of Weights and Measures

Scales and Balances	PRESENT	PROPOSED
Over 10,000 pounds	$60.00	$100.00
5,000 to 10,000 pounds	$40.00	70.00
1,000 to 5,000 pounds	$30.00	50.00
100 to 1,000 pounds	$15.00	25.00
10 to 100 pounds	$10.00	15.00
Under 10 pounds	$ 7.00	10.00
Weights		
Avoirdupois	.60	2.00
Metric	.60	2.00
Apothecary	.60	2.00
Troy	.60	2.00
Capacity Measures		
Vehicle Tanks		
Each Indicator	$ 8.00	10.00
Each 100 Gallons or fraction	$ 4.00	5.00
Liquid		
1 Gallon or Less		2.00
More than 1 Gallon		3.00
Liquid		
Inlet ½ inch or less Oil, Grease	$ 6.00	8.00
Inlet more than ½ to 1 inch		
Gasoline or Diesel Fuel	$12.00	18.00
Inlet more than 1 inch		
Vehicle Tank Pump	$24.00	35.00
Vehicle Tank Gravity	$30.00	35.00
Bulk Storage	$60.00	60.00
Company Supplies Prover	$30.00	30.00
Pumps		
Each Stop on Pump	$ 2.00	2.50
Other Devices		
Taxi Meters	$15.00	20.00
Odometer – Hubodometer	$15.00	20.00
Leather Measuring (Semi-An.)	$ 7.00	10.00
Fabric Measuring	$ 7.00	10.00
Wire – Rope – Cordage	$ 7.00	10.00
Container Redemption Mach.	$10.00	10.00
Linear Measures		
Yard Sticks	1.00	2.00
Metal Rules	1.00	2.00
Tapes	3.00	3.00
Scanner System		
(Chapter 295, Acts of 1998, General Laws of the Commonwealth)The following have already been approved by vote of the Town.		
1 to 3 Scanners		75.00
4 to 11 Scanners		150.00
12 or more Scanners		250.00
Additional Fees		
Re—Inspection Fee		20.00
Adjustment or Repair Fee		10.00

Or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ESTABLISH A NEW SET OF FEES FOR SEALING, WEIGHING AND MEASURING DEVICES AS LISTED ON THE WARRANT.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 31: To see if the Town will vote to borrow a sum of money in anticipation of reimbursement to meet the State's share of the cost of work for State-Aid Construction and Maintenance or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF $181,756 IN ANTICIPATION OF REIMBURSEMENT TO MEET THE STATE'S SHARES OF THE COST OF WORK FOR STATE-AID CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ALLOCATION FOR WEST BRIDGEWATER IN THE STATE'S FY07 CHAPTER 90 LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AID PROGRAM KNOWN AS CHAPTER 291C OF THE ACTS OF 2004.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 32: To see if the Town will vote to petition the Legislature to enact special legislation to provide that notwithstanding section 8c of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of West Bridgewater may appoint two alternate members to the Conservation Commission of the Town for terms not to exceed 3 years. The Chairman of the Conservation Commission may designate any of the alternate members to sit on the commission in the case of absence, inability to act or conflict of interest on the part of a member of the commission or, in the event of a vacancy on the Conservation Commission, until the vacancy is filled in accordance with said section 8C of said Chapter 40, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER VOTE TO PETITION THE GENERAL COURT TO ENACT SPECIAL LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE THAT NOTWITHSTANDING SECTION 8C OF CHAPTER 40 OF THE GENERAL LAWS, THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER MAY APPOINT TWO ALTERNATE MEMBERS TO THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION OF THE TOWN FOR TERMS NOT TO EXCEED 3 YEARS. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION MAY DESIGNATE ANY OF THE ALTERNATE MEMBERS TO SIT ON THE COMMISSION IN THE CASE OF ABSENCE, INABILITY TO ACT OR CONFLICT OF INTEREST ON THE PART OF A MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION OR, IN THE EVENT OF A VACANCY ON THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION, UNTIL THE VACANCY IS FILLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAID SECTION 8C OF SAID CHAPTER 40.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 33: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to purchase water meters and related meter reading equipment or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN TRANSFER FROM WATER SURPLUS THE SUM OF $15,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE WATER COMMISSIONERS TO PURCHASE WATER METERS AND RELATED METER READING EQUIPMENT.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 34: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money, contingent upon receipt of sufficient grant funds through the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative to be expended by the Water Commissioners to install a Wind Generator and related equipment or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE WATER COMMISSIONERS TO BORROW THE SUM OF $150,000, CONTINGENT UPON RECEIPT OF SUFFICIENT GRANT FUNDS THROUGH THE MASSACHUSETTS TECHNOLOGY COLLABORATIVE TO INSTALL A WIND GENERATOR AND RELATED EQUIPMENT.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 35: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds to be expended by the Water Commissioners to upgrade their GIS software system and any related equipment necessary for s

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM WATER SURPLUS THE SUM OF $14,500 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE WATER COMMISSIONERS TO UPGRADE THEIR GIS SOFTWARE SYSTEM AND ANY RELATED EQUIPMENT NECESSARY FOR SAID UPGRADE.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 36: To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 11:05 P.M.

A true copy, Attest: Nancy L. Morrison

Nancy L. Morrison, Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
WARRANT ARTICLES & MOTIONS

Monday, June 12, 2006 – 7:15 PM
West Bridgewater Junior/Senior High School Gymnasium

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay old bills or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: TO PASS WITHOUT ACTION.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Article 11 of the Annual Town Meeting of June 13, 2005, the following sums of money to the following departments to fund the first year increases of the three-year union contracts for the Highway, Water and Forestry Union, the Fire Association Union and the Clerical Union, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS FROM ARTICLE 11 OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF JUNE 13, 2005 TO THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS TO FUND THE FIRST YEAR OF THE THREE-YEAR AGREEMENTS WITH THE HIGHWAY, WATER AND FORESTRY UNION, THE FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION UNION AND THE CLERICAL UNION : TO

Dept. No. ---	Department ---	Amount
1450 ------	Treasurer/Collector.....	$ 3,419
1610 ------	Town Clerk	565
2100 ------	Police	1,975
2200 ------	Fire	14,877
2410 ------	Inspector of Buildings	828
2940 ------	Forestry	2,031
4210 ------	DPW Administration	5,092
4330 ------	Waste Disposal	783
5410 ------	Council on Aging	572
	Total:	$ 30,142.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to rise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to provide for committed expenditures through June 30, 2006 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER THE SUM OF $255,112 FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS TO PROVIDE FOR COMMITTED EXPENDITURES THROUGH JUNE 30, 2006: [revised 6/12/06]**

Dept. No.	FROM:	Amount:
	FREE CASH	**$ 10,763**
1220	Board of Selectmen	3,500
1320	Finance Committee Reserve	30,000
1350	Town Accountant	5,000
1410	Assessors	27,000
1510	Town Counsel	25,000
1560	Cable TV Committee	1,000
1710	Conservation Commission	3,000
1930	Insurances	10,500
1940	Town Hall	4,000
1950	Wastewater Treatment	17,000
2920	Dog Officer	2,500
3200	Southeastern Regional School	9,797
5110	Board of Health	2,000
7520	Short Term Debt	11,000
9100	Benefits	71,048
And from	The following articles:	
A 15 STM	June 11, 2001 – Grant Writer	4,000
A 8 STM	**Dec. 4, 2000** - Compactor	383
A 5 STM	June 13, 2005 – Flow Meter	6,056
A 6 STM	June 13, 2005 –Dosing Pumps	65
A 3 STM	June 13, 2005 – Used Truck	10,000
Line Item	001-9300-5252-001 Asphalt	1,500
	GRAND TOTAL:	$ 255,112

Dept. No.	TO:	Amount:
Police	WEB Task Force for FY 06	$ 10,000
1750	Planning Board	2,600
2100	Police	40,000
2200	Fire	119,000
4210	DPW Administration	9,300
4230	Snow & Ice	68,610
4240	Street Lighting	2,300
4330	Solid Waste Disposal	3,300
	TOTAL:	$ 255,112

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund repairs to the Traffic Control Signal system at Route 106 and Shaw's Corporate Office, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER THE SUM OF $ 6,952 FROM THE BENEFITS BUDGET 9100 TO FUND REPAIRS TO THE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNAL AT RT. 106 AND THE SHAW'S CORPORATE OFFICE.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Water Commissioners to upgrade and/or replace the Department's GIS mapping program and including upgrades to hardware, software and conversion of existing data, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER THE FOLLOWING SUMS OF MONEY AVAIABLE IN VARIOUS WATER DEPARTMENT WARRANT ARTICLES TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF WATER COMMISSIONERS TO UPGRADE AND/OR REPLACE THE DEPARTMENT'S GIS MAPPING PROGRAM INCLUDING UPGRADES TO SOFTWARE AND CONVERSION OF EXISTING DATA:

FROM	AMOUNT:
Article 34 ATM June 2001 – Propane Tank	$ .50
Article 14 STM November 1999 --- Hydrogeologist	892.20
Article 31 ATM June 2000 – Lease of a Van	1,874.83
Article 31 ATM June 1998 –Computer Hardware/Software	75.88
Article 17 STM January 2003 – Parco Valve	1.00
Article 19 ATM June 2002 – Software	92.89
Article 24 ATM June 1987	1,061.07
Article 18 STM December 2001 –Air Compressor	500.00
Article Motor Vehicle	367.25
Article 33 ATM 1986 Land at Cyr Street	7,869.46
Article 25 STM 1986 Land at Walnut Street	4,245.59
Total:	$ 16,980.67

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available sums or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to lease purchase over three (3) years a 2006 Toyota Prius with hybrid synergy drive or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: TO PASS WITHOUT ACTION.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE

Article 7: To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:45 P.M. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

A true copy, Attest: Nancy L. Morrison

Nancy L. Morrison, Town Clerk

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER
STATE PRIMARY
SEPTEMBER 19, 2006

The State Primary was held on Tuesday, September 19, 2006 at the Spring Street School. Constable Walter L. Thayer posted the Warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen on August 10, 2006.

Specimen ballots, cards of instruction and abstracts of the laws imposing penalties upon voters were posted as required by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The polls opened at 7:00 am. The voting machines in each precinct printed a zero total. Eight hundred ballots were given to Warden Donald MacDonald in Precinct I. Eight hundred ballots were given to Warden Warren Turner in Precinct II. Receipt was given to the Town Clerk for the same. At the close of the polls at 8:00 p.m. the voting machines showed that the following number of ballots had been cast:

Republican	191
Democrat	840

The following poll workers were sworn in:

Precinct I. Donald MacDonald, Warden; Marion Loughman, Clerk; Beverly Reynolds, Mary Petrie, Barbara Roulstone and Joan McAndrew, Checkers.

Precinct II. Warren Turner, Warden; Marilyn Raleigh, Clerk; Janet Beauleau, Virginia Nolan, Lois Flaherty and Pauline Peterson, Checkers.

Tally: Kevin Kelley and Pam Humphreys.

Andrew Upton and Alison Eldridge assisted with setting up and taking down the election equipment.

The following results were announced:

DEMOCRATIC

Senator in Congress	Prec. I	Prec. II
Edward M. Kennedy	318	306
Blanks	98	99
All Others	7	12

Governor		
Christopher F. Gabrieli	157	176
Deval L. Patrick	151	139
Thomas F. Reilly	113	99
Blanks	2	3
All Others	0	0
Lt. Governor		
Deborah B. Goldberg	189	207
Timothy P. Murray	128	123
Andrea C. Silbert	75	64
Blanks	30	22
All Others	1	1
Attorney General		
Martha Coakley	308	293
Blanks	114	120
All Others	1	4
Secretary of State		
William Francis Galvin	302	316
John Bonifaz	56	37
Blanks	64	64
All Others	1	0
Treasurer		
Timothy P. Cahill	305	308
Blanks	118	109
All Others	0	0
Auditor		
A. Joseph DeNucci	292	291
Blanks	131	124
All Others	0	2
Representative in Congress		
Stephen F. Lynch	283	291
Philip Dunkelbarger	99	84
Blanks	41	42
All Others	0	0
Councillor		
Kelly A. Timilty	284	277
Blanks	138	138
All Others	1	2

Senator in General Court		
Brian A. Joyce	306	297
Blanks	116	117
All Others	1	3
Representative in General Court		
Christine E. Canavan	319	293
Blanks	103	119
All Others	1	5
District Attorney		
Blanks	406	406
All Others	17	11
Clerk of Courts		
Francis R. Powers	146	137
Mark Adams	197	194
Blanks	79	86
All Others	1	0
Register of Deeds		
John R. Buckley, Jr.	293	281
Blanks	129	135
All Others	1	1
County Commissioner		
Timothy J. McMullen	183	176
Lisa C. Clark	96	107
Robert Sullivan	66	64
Blanks	77	69
All Others	1	1

REPUBLICAN

Senator in Congress		
Kenneth G. Chase	49	42
Kevin P. Scott	30	23
Blanks	21	26
All Others	0	0

Governor		
Kerry Healey	84	60
Blanks	15	28
All Others	1	3
Lt. Governor		
Reed V. Hillman	77	61
Blanks	23	29
All Others	0	1
Attorney General		
Larry Frisoli	79	58
Blanks	21	33
All Others	0	0
Secretary of State		
Blanks	94	90
All Others	6	1
Treasurer		
Blanks	95	90
All Others	5	1
Auditor		
Blanks	97	91
All Others	3	0
Representative in Congress		
Jack E. Robinson	72	54
Blanks	28	36
All Others	0	1
Councillor		
Michael W. McCue	70	48
Blanks	30	43
All Others	0	0
Senator in General Court		
James J. Aldred	71	48
Blanks	27	42
All Others	2	1

Representative in General Court		
Blanks	74	62
William Pribusauskas	24	29
All Others	2	0
District Attorney		
Timothy J. Cruz	93	80
Blanks	7	11
All Others	0	0
Clerk of Courts		
Frederick M. McDermott	76	61
Blanks	24	30
All Others	0	0
Register of Deeds		
Blanks	94	88
All Others	6	3
County Commissioner		
Olly deMacedo	72	52
Blanks	28	39
All Others	0	0

A true copy, Attest: Nancy L. Morrison

Nancy L. Morrison, Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
WARRANT ARTICLES

Monday, October 30, 2006 – 7:00 PM
West Bridgewater Junior/Senior High Auditorium

A meeting of which the inhabitants of the town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs were notified by warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen and posted by Constable Bruce L. Holmquist on October 16, 2006.

Moderator Marion L. Leonard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. With 60 qualified voters and 13 guests the meeting proceeded as follows:

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds a sum of money to secure engineering and design plans for, and to construct, a new Soil Absorption System, replacement of the septic tank at the Howard Wastewater Facility and other necessary repairs and further to allow the Town to accept any available federal or state grants or state low interest loans consistent with such design and construction of such systems or take any action relative thereto.

Move : **That the Town vote to appropriate $ 750,000 for the cost of engineering and design plans for, and the construction of, a new Soil Absorption System, the replacement of the septic tank and other repairs/upgrades necessary to carry out the intent of the project at the Howard Wastewater Facility; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow $ 750,000 under G.L. c.44 or any other enabling authority; that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to contract for and expend any federal or state aid available for the project; and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to borrow a sum of money in anticipation of reimbursement from the State for design, engineering and construction of a new Soccer Field on the school grounds at Howard School or take a any action relative thereto.

Move : **That the Town vote to borrow up to $250,000 in anticipation of State reimbursement for the design, engineering and construction of a new Soccer Field on the school grounds at Howard School.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the first and second year increases of the 3-year union contract for the Police Association or take any action relative thereto.

Move : **That the Town vote to transfer from Article 11 of the June 13, 2005 Annual Town Meeting, the sum of $15,650 to fund the first year of a three-year contract and further that the Town vote to transfer $ 14,208 from Art. 11 of the June 13, 2005 Annual Town Meeting and $ 35,000 from Article 6 of the June 12, 2006 Annual Town Meeting to the FY 07 Police Department budget to fund the second year of the new Police Association contract.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to borrow a sum of money in anticipation of reimbursement to meet the State's share of the cost of work for State-Aid Construction and Maintenance or take any action relative thereto.

Move : **That the Town vote to borrow the sum of $ 85,673 in anticipation of reimbursement from the state as Supplemental Chapter 90 funds released as part of the state's FY06 Supplemental Budget.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 4.4 of the Town of West Bridgewater's Zoning By-Laws entitled "Table of Use Regulations" by adding the following:

TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS

PRINCIPAL USE	GRF	B	I	TC
Residential uses				
1A. Single Family Dwelling	Y	SA[1]	N	

[1] In a Business District a lot containing 30,000 square feet with a minimum of 150 feet frontage that is not on West Center, East Center, North Main or South Main Streets may be used for residential purposes (single family dwelling) by special permit granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Or take any action relative thereto.

Move : **That the Town vote to amend Section 4.4 of the Town of West Bridgewater's Zoning By-Laws entitled "Table of Use Regulations" by adding the following to the:**

TABLE OF USE REGULATIONS

PRINCIPAL USE		GRF	B	I
Residential uses				
1A. Single Family Dwelling	Y	SA[1]	N	

[1] **In a Business District a lot containing 30,000 square feet with a minimum of 150 feet frontage that is not on West Center, East Center, North Main or South Main Streets may be used for residential purposes (single family dwelling) by special permit granted by the Zoning Board of Appeals.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to amend General By-Law Article 3 "Procedure at Town Meetings" Section 12 dealing with the number of voters necessary to request a ballot vote on a question be corrected to read "if supported by seven (7) voters" or take any action relative thereto.

Move : **That the Town vote to amend the West Bridgewater General By-Law Article 3 "Procedure at Town Meetings" Section 12 dealing with the number of voters necessary to request a ballot vote on a question by correcting it to read "if supported by seven (7) voters."**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to accept section 23D of Chapter 39 of the Massachusetts General Laws for all Boards within the Town that hold adjudicatory hearings including but not limited to the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Health and Board of Selectmen or take any action relative thereto.

Move : **That the Town vote to accept section 23D of Chapter 39 of the Massachusetts General Laws for all Boards within the Town that hold adjudicatory hearings including but not limited to the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Health, Rent Control Board, and Board of Selectmen.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provision of MGL Chapter 32B Section 10A entitled "Group Dental Insurance Acceptance" which would allow the Town to purchase insurance or include the cost thereof for dental expenses under those sections of this chapter which provide for the purchase of hospital, surgical, medical, dental and other health insurance benefits for benefit eligible employees with those employees contributing a share of these costs for said insurance or take any action relative thereto.

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Move : **That the Town vote to accept the provision of MGL Chapter 32B Section 10A entitled "Group Dental Insurance Acceptance" which would allow the Town to purchase insurance or include the cost thereof for dental expenses under those sections of this chapter which provide for the purchase of hospital, surgical, medical, dental and other health insurance benefits for benefit eligible employees with those employees contributing a share of these costs for said insurance.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY MAJORITY

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint Gayle Cipitelli to be a voting member of the Municipal Building Needs Committee if and when an appropriate opening arises in said committee in addition to her regular compensated duties as the secretary to the Board or take any action relative thereto.

Move : **That the Town vote to approve and authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint Gayle Cipitelli to be a voting member of the Municipal Building Needs Committee if and when an appropriate opening arises in said committee in addition to her regular compensated duties as the secretary to that Town Board.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY MAJORITY

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase and equip one new police cruiser for the Police Department and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of one older cruiser in the best interest of the Town, or take any action relative thereto.

Move: **To Pass Without Action.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY MAJORITY

Article 11: To transact any other business which may legally come before the meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 8:15 P.M.

A true copy, Attest: _____
Nancy L. Morrison, Town Clerk

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

STATE ELECTION
NOVEMBER 7, 2006

The State Election was held on Tuesday, November 7, 2006 at the Spring Street School. Constable Walter L. Thayer posted the Warrant, issued by the Board of Selectmen on October 24, 2006.

Specimen Ballots, cards of instruction and abstracts of the laws imposing penalties upon voters were posted as required by laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. as required by Massachusetts General Laws. The voting machines in both precincts were inspected and a zero total was printed out. A total of 4000 ballots were given to the Wardens, Warren Turner and Donald MacDonald, and a receipt given to the Town Clerk for the same.

There was a total of 2865 ballots cast. Included in this total were 111 absentee ballots.

The following election workers were sworn in:

Precinct 1. Donald MacDonald, Warden; Marion Loughman, Clerk; Beverly Reynolds, Mary Petrie, Barbara Roulstone and Joan McAndrew, Checkers; Marion Loughman, Tally

Precinct 2. Warren Turner, Warden; Marilyn Raleigh, Clerk; Janet Beaulieu, Virginia Nolan, Lois Flaherty and June Carveth, Checkers; Pam Humphreys, Tally.

Alison Eldridge and Andrew Upton assisted with setting up and taking down the election equipment.

The election results were as follows:

		Prec. I	Prec. II	Total
SENATOR IN CONGRESS				
Edward M. Kennedy	Dem.	786	732	1518
Kenneth G. Chase	Rep.	634	617	1251
Blanks		49	42	91
Write-in		2	3	5
GOVERNOR				
Healy & Hillman	Rep.	690	640	1330
Patrick & Murray	Dem.	538	518	1056
Mihos & Sullivan	Unen.	208	203	411
Ross & Robinson	Gr. Rbow.	28	25	53
Blanks		6	6	12
Write-In		1	2	3
ATTORNEY GENERAL				
Martha Coakley	Dem.	808	827	1635
Larry Frisoli	Rep.	578	493	1071
Blanks		83	74	157
Write-In		2	0	2
SECRETARY OF STATE				
William Francis Galvin	Dem.	1012	1003	2015
Jill E. Stein	Gr. Rbow.	251	207	458
Blanks		206	180	386
Write-In		2	4	6
TREASURER				
Timothy P. Cahill	Dem.	1010	1015	2025
James O'Keefe	Gr. Rbow.	219	197	416
Blanks		239	180	419
Write-In		3	2	5
AUDITOR				
A. Joseph DeNucci	Dem.	903	875	1778
Rand Wilson	Unen.	308	285	593
Blanks		258	233	491
Write-In		2	1	3

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS				
Stephen F. Lynch	Dem.	822	810	1632
Jack E. Robinson	Rep.	551	491	1042
Blanks		90	92	182
Write-In		8	1	9
COUNCILLOR				
Kelly A. Timilty	Dem.	682	674	1356
Michael W. McCue	Rep.	626	551	1177
Blanks		160	169	329
Write-In		3	0	3
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT				
Brian A. Joyce	Dem.	819	815	1634
James J. Aldred	Rep.	543	476	1019
Blanks		108	102	210
Write-In		1	1	2
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT				
Christine E. Canavan	Dem.	1053	977	2030
Blanks		405	403	808
Write-In		13	14	27
DISTRICT ATTORNEY				
Timothy J. Cruz	Rep.	1196	1093	2289
Blanks		263	295	558
Write-In		12	6	18
CLERK OF COURTS				
Francis R. Powers	Dem.	615	609	1224
Frederick M. McDermott	Rep.	715	633	1348
Blanks		139	152	291
Write-In		2	0	2
REGISTER OF DEEDS				
John R. Buckley, Jr.	Dem.	1022	967	1989
Blanks		441	421	862
Write-In		8	6	14
COUNTY COMMISSIONER				
Timothy J. McMullen	Dem.	688	663	1351
John P. Cafferty	Rep.	528	429	957
Thomas Jones	Unen.	111	144	255
Blanks		142	158	300
Write-In		2	0	2

REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Brockton

Wayne McAllister	1012	943	1955
Blanks	449	446	895
Write-In	10	5	15

REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

E. Bridgewater

Eric W. Green	1001	933	1934
Blanks	463	458	921
Write-In	7	3	10

REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Easton

Ralph Armstead	998	921	1919
Blanks	467	471	938
Write-In	6	2	8

REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Stoughton

George Eichorn	946	881	1827
Blanks	518	509	1027
Write-In	7	4	11

REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

West Bridgewater

Robert A. Sullivan	1065	1016	2081
Blanks	402	375	777
Write-In	4	3	7

QUESTION 1

YES	486	454	940
NO	951	915	1866
Blanks	34	25	59

QUESTION 2

YES	374	387	761
NO	980	910	1890
Blanks	117	97	214

QUESTION 3

YES	609	596	1205
NO	761	724	1485
Blanks	101	74	175

A true copy, Attest: Nancy L. Morrison

Nancy L. Morrison, Town Clerk

West Bridgewater School Committee

Spring Street School, 2 Spring Street
West Bridgewater, MA 02379
Phone: 508-894-1230 Fax: 508-894-1232

Nancy Maloney, Chairperson
James Holden, Vice Chairperson
Anne Iannitelli, Clerk
William McCole
Maureen Sass

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of West Bridgewater:

Once again in 2006 the students of West Bridgewater achieved many academic and extra-curricula achievements. For the sixth straight year, our students demonstrated 100% passing of the high-stakes Grade 10 MCAS. This achievement was accomplished through the hard work and efforts of the students, faculty, and administration. Ninety-five percent of the graduating Class of 2006 pursued higher education and the School Committee is confident that these students received the educational foundation to continue to achieve academic excellence.

In 2006, our drama and band programs continued to provide entertainment through the efforts of many talented students. Our athletic programs also realized many league championships and a football Super Bowl victory! In spite of the fact that our athletic fields and facilities are not as "state-of the art" as our opponents, our athletic teams are very successful.

Due to retirements in 2006, we experienced a transition in the administrative ranks that promises to yield great results. In the fall of 2006, the School Committee appointed Dr. Patricia Oakley to the position of Superintendent of Schools. Dr. Oakley has 17 years experience as a high school teacher and 8 years experience in administration. She was most recently employed by the West Bridgewater Public School system as the district-wide Curriculum Coordinator. In this position, she was the driving force behind our impressive MCAS and academic results.

As we move into 2007, our plan is to hold true to our Mission Statement and work in a "collaborative effort to provide our students the opportunity to acquire the knowledge, skills, values, and personal growth to reach their individual potential." We know that working together with the continued support of the West Bridgewater community, we will achieve these goals.

Respectively submitted,

Nancy Maloney, Chairperson

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Annual Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of West Bridgewater,

The West Bridgewater Public Schools would like to thank the residents of West Bridgewater for their continued support of our educational system. The definite sense of pride in West Bridgewater, exhibited by the School Committee, Selectmen, Finance Committee, and other Town Committees begins with our youngest and resonates from each and every individual. Because of our dedicated staff that contributes countless hours, energy, effort and resources to our children, the School Department is able to continue to provide a quality education to each child.

Some of the following accomplishments, highlights and changes of 2006 include:

- Administrative roles have changed at every school in the District. In June 2006, Dr. White announced his retirement and the School Committee appointed me as Interim Superintendent of the District. After hearing the community's input on the ideal qualifications a Superintendent should possess, the School Committee appointed me as the Superintendent of the West Bridgewater Public Schools. I taught in the West Bridgewater Public Schools for 13 years, beginning my career as a middle school science teacher and later becoming a high school biology teacher and the math and science curriculum coordinator for grades 7-12. Having left West Bridgewater to pursue a position in North Reading, I returned to West Bridgewater in 2003 as the Curriculum Coordinator. It is with great enthusiasm that I accept this leadership challenge and am looking forward to working with all members of the school community in making an excellent school system even better.

- In July 2006, Mr. Jeffrey Szymaniak was appointed as the Middle/Senior High School Principal. Mr. Szymaniak came to West Bridgewater from Scituate where he was the Assistant Principal at Scituate High School. Mr. Szymaniak began his career as a History teacher and was also a substitute teacher in West Bridgewater. Mr. Szymaniak's leadership and commitment will benefit the students of West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High School for years to come.

- In July 2006, Mrs. Susan Fontecchio was hired as the Middle/Senior High School Assistant Principal. Mrs. Fontecchio comes to West Bridgewater from Holbrook, where she was the Assistant Principal and Science Department Chair. She brings to West Bridgewater years of administrative and teaching experience.

- On July 1, 2006, Mark Bodwell was appointed as the Principal of the Howard School, replacing Joyce Francis who retired after 35+ years in the West Bridgewater Public Schools. Mr. Bodwell dedicated the last nine years to the students and parents of West Bridgewater. His positions in West Bridgewater have included a middle school social studies teacher, coach, advisor, and the Assistant Principal at the Middle/Senior High School. Mark's warmth and enthusiasm has proven to be a wonderful addition to the Howard School family.

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- Linda Dubin was appointed as the Principal of the Spring Street School. Mrs. Dubin is also the Principal of the Rose L. MacDonald School and has held that post for the past three years. Linda has been a dedicated member of the West Bridgewater school community for many years and her dedication to the education of early elementary age children makes her a natural fit for the Spring Street leadership position.

- On August 23, 2006 the tradition of the New Teacher Orientation took place. Led by Nancy Emord, 12 new teachers in grades K-12 participated along with individual mentors to become better acclimated to the school and the teaching profession. Throughout the school year new teachers meet weekly with mentor teachers and once per month all teachers and mentors meet to discuss important and timely issues. The guidance and support the new teachers receive has been invaluable.

- In May 2006, the Strategic Planning Committee and the School Site Councils met, both having the primary goal of the West Bridgewater Public Schools to consistently find ways to increase student achievement. As noted in the District's Strategic Plan, the primary goal of student achievement is measured in a number of ways; however, the federal government requires that one of those measures be through our state testing program (MCAS). The accountability provision of the *No Child Left Behind Act* also requires that each school make adequate yearly progress (AYP) toward meeting a national goal of all students being "proficient" in mathematics and English by the year 2014.

- According to a Boston Globe analysis of 2006 MCAS results, among 280 schools, 10th graders in West Bridgewater ranked 36th in English Language Arts with 90% of students in the proficient and advanced categories, and eighth in mathematics with 94% of students in the proficient and advanced categories.

- West Bridgewater continues to be an active member of PCC (Project Contemporary Competitiveness) and as such, we are able to provide approximately 27 students in grades 8 and 9 with a unique summer learning experience. The six-week program is housed at Bridgewater State College and offers a variety of enrichment courses.

- In 2006, the Town of West Bridgewater has applied to become a "No Place for Hate" community. In November, the Howard Trustees provided the funding to the Middle/Senior High School for a presentation of "Hero Art," painted portraits of figures in American history that broke barriers and faced the "Isms" that are practical in our society. These portraits are displayed in the front lobby and the cafeteria. The school community will continue to provide programs that help to educate all on issues of diversity.

Many thanks to the School Committee, parents, teachers, administration, and staff for their tireless efforts for the students of West Bridgewater.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia W. Oakley

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Superintendent of Schools

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Annual Report from the Director of Special Education

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of West Bridgewater:

I am pleased to report that the West Bridgewater Public Schools continue to be a school system that takes pride in providing an outstanding program for students with special needs. A continuum of special education services are provided from ages 3 – 22. Eligibility for services is reevaluated every three years and a review of current services is conducted annually. Teachers, special education providers and parents are integral members of the TEAM process.

At the Spring Street School, children with identified disabilities and meeting eligibility criteria are provided services in an integrated setting. Staff service a range of disabilities including autism and developmental delays by providing appropriate modeling from staff and peers and therapies such as physical, occupational and speech as determined by the child's Special Education TEAM.

At our elementary schools, the Rose L. MacDonald and Howard Schools, Teachers of Special Education along with Instructional Assistants provide services both in the classroom and in small group or individual settings. The Middle/Senior High School also provides special education help both in class and in directed or individual settings.

System-wide, we have two speech therapists that provide articulation and language services as needed for students in Pre-K to 12th grade. An Adaptive Physical Education (A.P.E.) Teacher provides individual services or in-class support for those students who need to work on developing motor skills.

Services for Occupational Therapy (O.T.) and Physical Therapy (P.T.) are provided through READS Collaborative. Students who need assistance with fine motor or physical skills receive their services from the collaborative staff. This utilization of collaborative services allows us to provide cost-effective services by sharing staff with other school districts.

West Bridgewater is part of both the READS Collaborative and the North River Collaborative. Our association with these collaboratives allows us access to specialized services, testing and out-of-district placements for our students. As a small school system, West Bridgewater benefits by joining with other school systems to provide cost-effective programming.

As required by state and federal laws, The West Bridgewater Special Education Department conducts special needs screening of all students entering kindergarten. Additionally, referrals are accepted during the year for children as they turn 3 years of age, if parents or service providers feel the child may have special needs. The annual child-find and kindergarten special needs screening is conducted in April and May of each year.

In summary, the West Bridgewater Special Education Department provides a comprehensive program of screening, assessment and special education services. Services are provided based upon the individual needs of each student and are provided in the most inclusive setting possible. The staff of the Special Education Department is to be commended for their unwavering dedication to their students.

Respectively submitted,

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Town Report for the Middle/Senior High School

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of West Bridgewater:

The mission of the West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High School is to provide a safe, supportive learning environment in which each student will acquire the knowledge, skills, and values necessary to become a life-long learner and responsible citizen in our diverse and changing society.

During the year 2006, many transitions and successes graced the halls of West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High School. A new Principal and Assistant Principal along with 7 new teachers were hired, with the administrators beginning their work over the summer.

On June 2, 2006, 59 seniors received their diplomas. The class of 2006 continued the tradition of participation in the Community Service Learning Program and performed hours of community service as part of their Contemporary American Issues (CAI) curriculum. This was a rewarding and mutually beneficial endeavor for the students and the community.

Ninety-four percent of the class of 2006 was accepted to go on to post secondary education. Two students decided to join the work force. Some of the colleges and universities the students were accepted to include: Boston University, Bridgewater State, Bristol Community, Bryant, Daniel Webster College, DiGiPen Institute, Emerson, Emmanuel, Fitchburg State, Florida Atlantic, Harvard, Johnson and Wales, LaSalle, Mansfield Beauty Academy, Marymount Manhattan, Mass College of Art, Mass Maritime, Massasoit, Salve Regina, Suffolk, Syracuse, University of Hartford, UMass Amherst, UMass Boston, UMass Dartmouth, University of Miami, Wentworth, Western New England, Westfield State, WPI, and Worcester State.

Twenty-one members of the class of 2007 were recognized by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as John and Abigail Adams Scholarship winners. This award is based on the student's MCAS exams and entitles each student to a scholarship for free tuition at any state college or state university in Massachusetts.

All members of the class of 2008 passed the state mandated MCAS tests. A student cannot receive a high school diploma if they have not passed the English/Language Arts and Mathematics MCAS exam. All members of the classes of 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 also passed this exam.

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Various clubs within the Middle/Senior High School participated in activities to showcase their talent and their commitment to our community and beyond. The Key Club sponsored a fundraiser for Katrina victims, a Hug Tree for our troops, worked on Operation Christmas Child and performed "Freaky Friday" for the elementary students. In the spring, the Drama Club performed "The Sound of Music" for their spring musical and "The Whole She-Bang" at the Massachusetts High School Drama Guild and in the fall, held their second annual "Thursday Night Live" to a sold out auditorium.

As has been the case for many years, the West Bridgewater tradition of athletic excellence continues. During the last school year, our teams won four league championships, including field hockey, girls cross country, girls basketball and softball. West Bridgewater also qualified eleven teams for MIAA tourney play. In addition to the team accomplishments, thirty-two athletes were named as league all stars, six were selected as all scholastic players, and five of our coaches were honored by their peers, being selected as coaches of the year.

The fall of 2006 was a very positive time for Wildcat athletics. Four of the fall squads won league championships and all of the fall teams qualified for the MIAA tournaments. The fall season concluded on a high note, with the football team winning the Division 4 MIAA Super Bowl. Many of our fall student athletes won individual athletic honors. Thirty-two players were selected as league all stars with five being selected as all scholastic players. Two players were chosen as players of the year and three coaches were selected as coaches of the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Szymaniak

Jeffrey Szymaniak, Principal

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Mark Bodwell
Principal

Dear Board of Selectmen and Citizens of West Bridgewater,

The Howard School opened its doors to the students on Wednesday, September 6, 2006 with 275 students in grades four, five and six. The 44 faculty and staff members reported to school on Tuesday, September 5th.

This year there were very few changes in the staff at the Howard School. Mrs. Debbie Holland was hired as a 5th grade teacher. Mrs. Holland had previously worked here at the Howard School as a permanent substitute. Ms. Jessica Williams was hired to be a reading/math tutor. Ms. Williams had worked at the Howard School last year as an instructional assistant. We are very fortunate to have both staff members here.

The students continue to receive daily instruction in Reading/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. The students in the 6th grade work in a middle school model of scheduling, where they will change classes for each of the core area subjects. All of the teachers continue to teach to the students the standards in the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks to ensure that all of our students are well prepared for the state assessment tests (MCAS) this spring. In addition, students receive instruction in Art, Music (vocal or instrumental), Computer Technology, Health, Library and Physical Education on a weekly basis.

It is a continued goal of the staff and students at the Howard School to improve our performance in the MCAS tests. All of the teachers have met to analyze the previous year's tests and to look into ways that we can address areas that can be improved. The Howard School staff continues to review the curriculum to ensure that we are meeting the state curriculum frameworks in all areas. We continue to strive to give each student the best education possible.

The Howard School is fortunate to have also hired curriculum leaders in English, Math and Science/Social Studies. Mrs. Sally Romano continued in the role for English, Mrs. Joan Magnuson continued in the role for Math, and Ms. Sarah Dowling has taken over in the role for Science and Social Studies. All three will continue to meet with the teachers in all grade levels to discuss areas of strength, evaluate curriculum, and find areas where we can continue to improve.

We have had several students be recognized for their achievements. All of the students competed in the Peace Poster contest, which was sponsored by the Lions Club, this year sixth grader Ms. Jackie Foley was chosen as the winner. The students in the sixth grade competed for the fifth year in the Readers Digest National Word Power Challenge. Ms. Helen Jones was the school champion. In addition, Mr. DeMello organized the National Geography Bee. This year, Cameron Hay, a 6th grade student became the Geography Bee Champion.

Once again, the students had the opportunity to participate in the After-School Program. There were a wide variety of activities that they could choose from for this extracurricular program. We would like to thank Ms. Sarah Dowling for organizing and leading these outstanding programs.

Our students have also had the opportunity to serve on the Howard School Student Council. Thank you to Ms. Lucy Smith who continues to lead this group. The students are elected to this position and there are two students and an alternate from each homeroom. The students have also shown community spirit and support through visiting the Life Care Center of West Bridgewater each month.

Mrs. Beth Smith and April McDermott from the West Bridgewater Public Library continued to work with Mrs. Marie Dowling, the school Librarian, to provide additional library services for the Howard School students. The classes visited the Public Library on a regular basis throughout the school year. The Friends of the Library, under the direction of Marianne Lorray, arranged for grades 4, 5 and 6 to participate in the Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) program. They provided books to the students three times during the year.

Once again the West Bridgewater P.T.O provided the students with numerous enrichment programs that tied directly to the curriculum. These programs included: Animal Adaptations, Amelia Earhart, Helen Keller, The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe, Ben Franklin, Forces in Motion, Clara Barton, Greek Mythology, the Map Maker; as well as funding for student participation in numerous programs and for various other educational materials. We would like to thank them for their dedication and efforts on behalf of the students and staff.

The Howard School Improvement Council met once a month throughout the school year. Council members included: Mrs. Christine Bertarelli, Mrs. Sherry Harris, Mrs. Anne Iannitelli, Mrs. Stephanie Savoy, Mrs. Patricia Mayer, Mrs. Sally Romano, Mr. Thomas Oleksyk, and Mr. Matt MacCurtain. They have revised the school improvement plan, reviewed the Howard School budget, and looked for ways to improve the school. We would like to thank all of the members for their efforts to continue to make the Howard School a better place for our students and our staff.

I would like to thank the faculty, staff, students, volunteers and all of the parents of students here at the Howard School. As we all continue to work in a collaborative effort we will continue to see the Howard School excel.

Sincerely,

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Town Report of the Rose L. MacDonald School

To the Honorable Selectman and the Citizens of West Bridgewater:

As of January 1, 2007, 255 students are enrolled at the Rose L. MacDonald. The Rose L. MacDonald School houses four classes of grades one, two and three, for a total of twelve classrooms. Faculty includes twelve certified classroom teachers, two certified special education teachers, four certified special education instructional assistants, a school nurse, and a school secretary. A school psychologist, who provides counseling and administers testing for student evaluations, and a speech and language pathologist are shared with the WB Middle/Senior High School and Spring St. School. A part-time instructional technology specialist helps teachers integrate subject content with Internet resources and education software.

While the district did not qualify for Title One federal funds again this year, the school was able, with money provided through the school choice option in West Bridgewater, to provide academic support services for students at Rose L. MacDonald School. A full time reading specialist and a part time math specialist support students who benefit from small group instructional sessions in addition to their classroom instruction.

The Massachusetts Frameworks are aligned with curriculum to address the preparation of students for the state standardized testing requirements. Students receive daily Math instruction using the *Everyday Math Program.* It is an engaging, hands-on program that scaffolds learners as they move from concrete to abstract and symbolic processes in math cognition. It provides ample experiences for the application of math concepts in practical authentic experiences.

English Language Arts instruction addresses all areas of literacy, including listening, speaking, reading, and writing. An assortment of instructional materials speaks to these skill areas, and teachers utilize a repertoire of established teaching strategies. A balanced literacy program, one that utilizes varied and research based effective teaching practices, is at the heart of reading instruction. The Houghton Mifflin *Invitations to Literacy* program is currently utilized at each grade level. Science and Social Studies standards are addressed through the reading program with the use of nonfiction children's literature. Children at Rose L. MacDonald also receive instruction in art, music, library, health and physical education each week.

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School Council meetings take place on a regular basis at the Rose L. MacDonald School, and parents, teachers and community members can meet with the principal. Based on the council's recommendations, a School Improvement Plan is written to outline goals for the coming years that align with the district's Strategic Plan. Goals that address the continual improvement of student achievement as well as maintaining the school facility are included.

The self-supporting after school enrichment program has continued into its fourth year. Under the leadership of Lead School Nurse, Julie Amaral and with the help of teachers as program leaders, a variety of courses including arts and crafts, technology, science, reading and music are offered to youngsters during the sixteen weeks the program is run.

A Surround Care program that provides before and after school childcare is offered at the Rose L. MacDonald School. It provides working parents with well-located and reasonably priced care for their children both before and after school. Childcare providers organize recreational events, help students with homework, and provide snacks to students in grades one through six.

P.T.O. president of five years, Mrs. Cindi Vanderstreet, along with the P.T.O. officers and members, has continued to work throughout the year on fundraising efforts that provide varied and wonderful enrichment programs related to the curriculum at each grade level. A dedicated core of parent volunteers provides teachers with support by volunteering time in a variety of helpful ways, both in and out of the classroom.

Thanks to the ongoing work of town resident Mariann Lorray and the Friends of the West Bridgewater Public Library, children receive free books three times a year from the Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) program. The P.T.O also supported the program with a generous donation this year, which will be used to purchase books.

In conclusion, I would like to commend the faculty, staff and families of the Rose L. MacDonald School who continue to work cohesively and with commitment to provide a quality, all-inclusive education for the children of the Rose L. MacDonald School.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda G. Dubin

Mrs. Linda G. Dubin
Principal

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of West Bridgewater,

The Spring Street School is an Early Childhood Education Center that services the specific needs of children ages 3 through 5. Currently, there is one integrated Pre School class that serves the needs of students with special needs and play pals. There are three full day kindergartens and two half-day kindergartens. A large group of kindergarten age students necessitated the addition of an additional kindergarten class this year. The full day kindergarten program remains an option for parents who pay tuition for their children to attend.

As of January 1st 2007, there were 99 students enrolled in the kindergarten, 20 students enrolled in the Integrated Preschool and 50 preschoolers enrolled in the morning and afternoon sessions of the Play and Learn program. In addition to the regular school day programs, the Spring Street School also provides a Surround Care program that provides parents with a convenient and affordable childcare option for before or after school.

New staff hired this year at the Spring Street School includes Ms. Kara Humphries as a Kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Jodi Mattos as a Kindergarten Instructional Assistant and Mrs. Martha Burak as an Integrated Preschool Instructional Assistant.

Students receive instruction in readiness skills, pre-reading, writing and math. The Integrated Preschool is certified by the NAEYC (National Association for Education of Young People). Special emphasis is given to the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks to ensure that all students are well prepared for their school experience. Students receive instruction in Art, Music, Health, Library, and Physical Education on a weekly basis.

The Spring Street School Improvement Council meets regularly during the year to investigate ways to improve the programs and facility and write a school improvement plan. School Improvement Council members include, Mrs. Linda Dubin, Mrs. Anita Labrecque, Ms. Kara Humphreys, Mrs. Jennifer Smith and Mrs. Amy Alfieri. We thank them for their work on behalf of the students and staff.

The West Bridgewater P.T.O. continues to support the Spring Street School with its fundraising efforts. The proceeds provide various enrichment programs and financial support for teacher requests throughout the year.

In closing, I would like to thank all the parent volunteers, faculty and staff members at the school for their dedication and effort throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

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January 01, 2007

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

We the Commissioners,Superintendent, and Assistant Superintendent of the Water Department for the Town of West Bridgewater, respectfully submit our annual report for the year ending December 31, 2006.

During the year a total of 239,069,005 gallons of water were pumped. This is 16,537,145 gallons more than the previous year. The greatest amount pumped for any one day was on August 01, 2006 when 1,241,685 gallons were pumped. The largest month was August with 27,089,223 gallons pumped. The largest week was August 7-13 with 7,072,641 gallons being pumped.

With 239,069,005 gallons of water pumped, plus 1,492,796 gallons purchased from Easton, a total of 240,561,801 gallons of water was used. This makes a daily average use of 679,966 gallons.

Over the past year 14 new services were added. Our number of services now totals 2,646.

Station maintenance was carried out daily, after every severe storm, and after all power failures. A total of 461 hours of overtime were spent on emergency leaks and maintenance.

Once again in the fall of the year the Water Department conducted our flushing program. The flushing program has proven to be very successful, eliminating all dirty water complaints.

The Water Department's meter replacement program ran into a snag after replacing almost 100% of the meters. The manufacturer stopped making both the telephone meter and the radio read meter. With people dropping their land lines and going to cell phones manufacturers are discontinuing the technology. We are now conducting a search for a new supplier with a land based radio system that we would own. The meters already installed still work and are proving to

be very accurate. These meters provide monthly readings. Because of the timely acquisition of meter readings, we have improved the accuracy of our records allowing us to keep our unaccounted for water within American Water Works standards of 10%.

In 2006 the water crew continued both a gate box rehabilitation program and a gate exercising program. Since the September 11 terrorist attack the quick and efficient operation of these valves has become of critical importance. It plays a major role in our new plan to react to terrorism. Isolating problems in the distribution system caused by terrorists is essential to any antiterrorism plan. Having started this project five years ago it has given us an extremely valuable head start in completing an anti terrorism plan that can work successfully.

The old 2" black iron water main on Hillside Avenue had developed multiple leaks in the winter of 2005-2006 so the Water department crew replaced the 350 feet of 2" black iron water main last summer with a 6" p.v.c main. We also installed seven house services with 3/4"copper services from the main to the property line. Two fire Hydrants were added one midway on the street for fire protection and one was added at the end of the road for flushing and fire protection.

During 2006 the Water Department started a to upgrade our entire GIS mapping system. New streets and homes have been added, the water billing system has been connected to each house.The water gate maintenance program has been attached to the each gate. The hydrant data has been attached to each hydrant. The assessors information has been attached to each parcel. With all this information instantly available the Water Department has plans to install a large screen projector in the Commissioners meeting room which will enable the Board to have all this information at the Commissioners finger tips during their meeting when discussing new subdivisions or billing problems with customers. This information readily available will allow them to make more informed and timely comments on projects saving developers and residents time and money.

In June of 2006 town meeting approved the funds for the Water Department to build a wind driven generator on Cyr Street providing we can secure a state grant to help fund the project. This will allow the Water Department to produce electricity which will run the pumping stations, treatment plants and office. In the fall of 2006 we started the required wind study in order to secure the state funding. We

are still in the data collecting stage of the study as 2006 comes to a close. We hope to secure funding and have construction underway in 2007. This project has the potential of saving the residents of West Bridgewater a million dollars over the next 20 years on their water bills.

As required by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Agency, 142 analyses of our drinking water were performed. All reports were satisfactory, showing it to be of highly acceptable quality and free from bacterial elements. We also ran individual tests on all seven wells to check for cancer causing pollutants in our water. Unfortunately M.B.T.E. a gas additive continues to be found in three of our pumping stations wells in very low levels. This has caused us much concern and we have supported a new bylaw that prohibits any new fuel storage in West Bridgewater.

We now have four corrosion control facilities on line. One is on Norman Avenue and a second on Cyr Street treating wells 4&5,a third at station 1 on Cyr Street, and the iron removal plant on Manley street has corrosion control built into the treatment process. We continue to meet our goal and pass the EPA lead and copper rule.

With an extremely wet spring we sold less water to residents and the demand for pool water with the private contractors dropped off leaving the Water Department's revenues much less then expected.

We would like to thank the employees of the Water Department for making this year a success. We would also like to thank all the other departments that came to our aid when requested. Most importantly, we would like to thank all the towns people who have supported us in reaching our goals.

Respectfully submitted,
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Donald Asack, Clerk
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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my seventeenth annual report as Chief of the Fire Department for the year 2006.

Personnel

The personnel of the Fire Department consists of the permanent Chief, one (1) permanent Deputy Chief, one (1) permanent Captain, two (2) permanent Lieutenants, ten (10) permanent firefighters, fourteen (14) call firefighters, two (2) Call Chaplains, and one (1) call dispatcher. Of the fifteen (15) full time members, including the Chief, four (4) are trained at the EMT-Defibrillator level, five (5) are trained at the EMT-Intermediate level, and six (6) are trained at the EMT-Paramedic level. In the call department, four (4) members are trained at the EMT-D level, four (4) are trained at the EMT-Paramedic level, including one that is a physician, and six (6) are trained at the first responder level.

On August 9, 2006, Lieutenant Paul R. Lanoue retired as a member of this department after slightly more than 28 yrs of service. Lieutenant Lanoue was a valued member of this department and will be, and has been, missed. I would like to publicly thank him for his years of dedicated service to the department and the town and wish him all the best in his well earned retirement.

On July 1st, 2006, after a competitive examination, Firefighter Kenneth J. May was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant to fill an existing vacancy. On August 13th, 2006, Firefighter Gerald E. Stetson was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Lieutenant Lanoue. I wish them both the best as they assume their new duties and responsibilities.

Apparatus

Engine #1, a 2004 Emergency One 1500 GPM pumper, Engine #2, a 1986 Emergency One/GMC 1000 GPM pumper, Engine #3, a 1994 KME 1250 GPM rescue/pumper, Ladder #1, a 1999 Emergency One 110' aerial device, Forest Fire #2, a 2006 Ford F-350 4 wheel drive pick up truck, Forest Fire #3, a 1974 American Motors 6 wheel drive (government surplus) brushbreaker, Ambulance #1, a 1998 Freightliner/Horton, Ambulance #2, a 2004 Ford/Horton, the Chief's vehicle, a 1995 Ford 4 wheel drive Bronco, and the Paramedic response vehicle, a 1996 Ford Crown Victoria (former police cruiser).

Statistical Report

During 2006, the fire and rescue department responded to a total of two thousand five hundred and ten (2510) incidents. Of this figure, one thousand two hundred and sixty three (1263) calls were fire related. The remaining calls, One thousand two hundred and forty seven (1247), were for emergency medical services.
For the fourth year in a row, we responded to slightly more fire calls than ambulance calls.

Training

We continue to have an ongoing training program for both our full time professional firefighters as well as our part time call firefighters. These duties are handled by Deputy Chief Allen A. Breer. Generally speaking, the department members train or "drill" during their regular on duty hours with call members participating when they are available. The department also conducts emergency medical training. These emergency medical training sessions, which are also made available to our surrounding communities, are conducted by Dr. Henry Crowley, a member of our department, our Medical Director, and one of our paramedics.

Inspections

All inspections, as required by law, have been accomplished by this office, as well as an on going joint inspection program with the towns Building Inspector and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Requests and Recommendations

I am again requesting, and will continue to request, that we add at least two more full time firefighters to our staff. This will bring our total of full time personnel to seventeen, including myself, and will finally move us to my ultimate goal of a minimum of four (4) firefighters on duty at all times. I am very much aware of the present fiscal constraints that we all face. However, we have reached point where we just do not have adequate staffing available to handle the ever increasing demands placed on the department. When a second, third, or sometimes fourth incident occurs, and this scenario is playing out on a more and more frequent basis, we must have the personnel available to respond. We presently rely on the use of overtime hours to accomplish adequate staffing levels. I believe this is an extremely expensive way to provide this coverage.

I am also requesting this year that we purchase a four wheel drive vehicle to replace the Chief's vehicle. The present truck, a 1995 Ford Bronco has served the town well but, at 12 years old, is beginning to fail at sometimes inopportune times.

We must also begin to think seriously about replacing our 1998 ambulance. We have traditionally replaced these vehicles every 5 yrs. This particular truck is approaching 8 yrs old and has been moved to the 2nd or back-up ambulance with the idea of lessening it's use.

Last, but certainly not least, a sincere thank you to my secretary, Dawne Holyoke, and my officers and firefighters for their continued dedication to the department and town. As I tell you every year, you have the finest fire and emergency medical services department in the area. I am always proud of their efforts on a daily basis on behalf of the citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard T. Hunt
Chief

Department of Forestry and Parks

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Christopher D. Iannitelli
Forestry Superintendent
Tree Warden
Mass. Certified Horticulturist

The Forestry Department continues its efforts in areas of tree work, park restoration, ground maintenance, and recreation. Listed below are some of the areas in which the department is currently involved:

17 intersection greens	A 5-acre park
Town Hall and Gazebo grounds	7 cemeteries
Legion Memorial Ball fields	Town Library
Police/Fire Station grounds	Town Skating Rink
Water Department properties	Friendship Park Playground
School Department properties	Council on Aging Center

Town greens and lawns are continually upgraded and monitored for insect and disease problems. During 2006, 63 Town trees were removed or trimmed. Residents are urged to call if they have an obstructed area near their home. Poison ivy and hornet/wasp eradication was carried out during the summer for Town residents.

A private crane and/or bucket truck was contracted for large tree maintenance National Grid helps the Town remove any dead trees near wires. This co-op program has been very successful. Our Town was also recognized again this year as an 13th Year "Tree City USA" recipient. With the support of PTO, an Arbor Day program was conducted at the Howard and Rose L. Macdonald Schools, which included a concert and a tree, donated from our Beautification Fund. Residents can request to have trees planted in the fall.

Department vehicles and equipment include:

1997 Brush bandit chipper	1994 F-350 Ford Dump
1993 Graverly 72" cut tractor	1995 F-800 Ford Dump
1997 Graverly 72" cut tractor	1999 F-150 Ford Pick-Up
2000 Kubota Tractor	2004 F-450 Ford Dump

We have five (5) funds under the department which we manage and to which we encourage donations.

Stars and Stripes – includes funds for all the Town flags.
Holiday Decoration Fund –used to supply and upgrade holiday decorations throughout and Town.
Beautification – to supply trees, shrubs, flowers, mulch, etc. for al public areas in Town.
Gazebo Concert Series Fund – to pay for the entertainment for the concert series.

Friendship Park Playground Fund – to supply new equipment for the Town playground.

Our 14th Annual Gazebo Concert Series was held in summer 2006. Five concerts were presented, free to the public, on Monday evenings throughout the summer. Plans are now being made for the 2007 summer program. Our thanks are extended to the area businesses and civic groups that totally sponsored this program.

Our 11th Annual "Culture for Children" summer entertainment program was held at Friendship Park Playground this summer on Tuesday evenings. This program was a great success. Plans are now being made for the 2007 Summer Series. Engraved bricks are still being sold to raise money for the expansion of Friendship Park.

As budgets become tighter each year, new ways have to be found to fund projects. To allow the Park, trees, or Town properties to decline is not sound for a town that has invested so much in maintaining these things over the years. We always need fresh ideas by employees, townspeople, and volunteers to keep things moving forward in a positive direction.

I extend sincere thanks to all of my co-workers who have helped me over the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Iannitelli

Christopher D. Iannitelli
Forestry and Parks Superintendent

Annual Report from the Highway Superintendent

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of West Bridgewater, I respectfully submit my 2006 annual report for the Highway Department.

Equipment

The following is an inventory of department equipment.

2004F-750 4X4 dump truck
2003 F-750 dump truck
1993 F-800 dump truck
1998 F800 dump truck
1975 Sidewalk plow
1992 John Deere backhoe
5 road sanding attachments
1997 F-350 4X4 dump truck
1998 Crown Vic car
2001 F-550 4X4 dump truck
2000 Street sweeper
2005 F-450 4X4 dump truck
2004 Volvo Loader L-60E

Chapter 90

Paved and applied road markings to Crescent Street, Frances Ave, Buttonwood. This project was 127,000. Bryant Street and Arch were also paved. Chapter 90 has been reduced by 1,300,000. over the last 11 years and this is jeopardizing our roadways.

Manley Street Reconstruction Project

This long awaited Project started in the spring with drainage basins installed, trees removed, intersections redesigned, hydrants installed. I am onsite everyday to see that the project continues forward. This is the largest road project to date in this town at 4.3 Million dollars.

Winter Conditions

The snowstorms were few but the icing conditions kept the department busy. Sanders and plows were deployed on 23 separate occasions to maintain safe driving conditions in the Town. Five of our trucks have been outfitted to use Ice-Ban as a de-icer, which has proven to be very effective combating the icing conditions. We had 3 Plowable snowstorms.

School Projects

Roof drainage was repaired at the Spring Street School. Also at the Football field.

Transfer Station

The Metal Collection Day in the spring was successful as well as the Hazardous Waste Day in September. The cost for the Hazardous Waste disposal amounted to $11,290.00 this year. The cost for trash hauling increased to $50per ton and recycling costs vary between $15-$25 per ton. Last year the Town generated 3045 tons of trash, with recyclable products accounting for 540 tons. This recycling is mandated by the State and any violations result in substantial fines to the Town. We added a new Fence and planted Cannas Lilly's to spruce up the location. In the fall we screened 500 yards of compost for the residents use. This compost is tested by UMASS for contents each year. Installed new slide gate and new fencing for storage of snow. Please RECYCLE it's the Law and it saves the town money.

Street Sweeper

The sweeper was out everyday weather permitting. All streets were swept including all the Schools, Police Fire, COA, and all municipal buildings.

Roadside Mowing

Roadside mowing is done consistently as needed. We hired a local contractor with a flail mower to cut back Roadsides on Scotland Street and Walnut Street.

Drainage Projects

We have been aggressively cleaning head walls and drainage ditches. Listed below are locations that were cleaned.

Beacon Street	Harvestwood Drive	South Elm Street
Elm Square	North Elm Street	Walnut Street
East Street	Pleasant Street	West Center Street
Francis Avenue	Scotland Street	Route 106

Repaired Catch Basins

The following catch basins were repaired at Ledge Lawn Road, Coweeset, Orchard Drive, North Elm and Matfield Street.

New Catch Basins

New basins were installed at the following locations, East Street, Cross Street, Beacon Street, Ash Street, Crescent Street, and Transfer Station. 200 feet of pipe with a new trench drain for the YAA.

Police/Fire Station

Excavated sewer lines for the temporary trailers. Assistance was given to the Contractor locating existing drain and sewer lines.

Guard Rails

In keeping with our country charm, 6x8 pressure treated posts and rails were installed on South Elm Street. Painted Rails were installed on Forest Street Bridge.

Street Signs
Updated to MUTCD regulations, which are now to be 9" in height. This is a ten year program and we started with all the main streets and then will continue to the side streets.

Food Drive
The Highway Dept. collected 4,165 pounds of food and $2500 dollars/gift certificates for the West Bridgewater Food Pantry this year and would like to Thank all those who donated and helped in this much needed cause.

Cary Monument
Installed curbing loom and seed to protect the John Cary Monument. This is at the intersection of South and Bryant Streets.

Dirt Roads
All Dirt Roads were graded at least twice and others as necessary.

Upcoming Projects
South Street Bridge, Scotland Street Bridge and Central Square redesign and construction, These 3 Projects total well over 10 Million Dollars and will be paid for by the State.

I offer my sincere appreciation to my staff for their dedication and efforts. In addition to day-to-day responsibilities, each contributes to the quality of this department Charlie Bunker skillfully operates the heavy equipment. Kenny Berry drives tirelessly in the street sweeper, insuring safe and clean roads. Foreman Bill Kovatis and Shawn Anderson work steadily to keep the department vehicles and equipment in repair and operational. Mike Hutchinson keeps all roadside mowing under control on a regular basis. Thanks also to Sue Kent who keeps our paperwork and reports in order. I also extend my thanks to the Selectman, and all Departments Heads throughout the town, for their daily support.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Green
Highway Superintendent

Town Of West Bridgewater
Vehicle Maintenance Department

May 1, 2007

To the Residents of West Bridgewater:

As Vehicle Maintenance Superintendent this is my report to the Board of Selectmen, Capitol Budget Committee & Finance Committee.

1. The Police Dept. has 3 out of 6 marked units currently running with over 100,000 odometer miles. When marked units operate with this amount of mileage it puts a strain on the newer vehicles of the fleet. Because the older units are in the shop for additional maintenance, sometimes two at a time, the newer units are being driven more & are therefore running up miles at a faster rate.

   This broken chain of replacement cruisers also causes a domino effect in other Town Depts. No longer am I able to offer a refurbished cruiser to another Dept. who could get an additional 5 to 6 years of service from the vehicle. The last 3 to 4 cruisers retired from the PD have exceeded their usefulness before being able to be passed on to other Depts. They are currently being dismantled and used for parts to keep the other older units running.

2. The Fire Dept. has a 1995 Ford Bronco with over 85,000 odometer miles. This vehicle is the Fire Chief's unit; which is usually the first to respond to any and all situations. It has had a rear end replacement, rotted floor boards repaired on the driver's side, and is currently being scheduled for front end work by my department. As Vehicle Maintenance Supt. I feel it is time for this vehicle to be replaced as the Fire Chief's first response unit.

3. The Highway Dept. has a 1975 Sidewalk Bombardier that has been through snowstorms such as "The Blizzard of '78". This unit is currently running, however, we have been very fortunate this season with mother nature. It is my feeling that the next "Out of Service " sign might be its last due to the age of the machine and the availability of parts, depending on what breaks.

4. The 1975 Ford Roadside Mower has serviced the town every year consecutively for over 30 years. Mother nature is always reliable when it comes to grass growing. The unit is now out of service due to safety liability issues and once again because of the availability & cost of parts the machine may remain unusable.

5. The response vehicle of this department is a 1984 Chevy retired Fire Dept. ambulance refurbished as a service truck. This vehicle responds to roadside breakdowns and is used to perform regular maintenance as well as move parts & supplies. The breakdowns can be Police units as well as Gravely tractors in the middle of a soccer field or any other piece of dept. equipment in town. It is also used to refuel the Aux. Generators. Once again we are keeping a 23 year old truck in service. The best vehicle needed for my applications would be an F350 Four wheel drive truck to carry the load capacity I require for my equipment. The additional plus to this vehicle would be a plow and another vehicle & driver available to the town.

Thank you,
Leonard W. Graf III

Network Administration

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Ed Sarro
Network Administrator

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of West Bridgewater:

The Office of the Network Administration serves to oversee all aspects of the Town's Computer Network. Since assuming this position in July, I have reconvened the Computer Advisory Committee. The committee has met regularly throughout the year. Currently, the committee is looking at an upgrade plan for the aging network infrastructure. Hub Technical Services, who serve as the town's network consultants, are developing an action plan to bring the network up to 2007 standards and beyond.

Most of the network resources are shared between the Town and the School Department. With this in mind, the Computer Advisory Committee is taking a global approach to improvements and upgrades to the computer network. Other areas that the committee is reviewing include: expanding the GIS data for all town departments, developing a cost effective replacement plan for the town's workstations, and reviewing the status of software licenses.

I would like to thank the members of the Computer Advisory Committee for their dedication in the planning the future for the Town's Computer Network.

Respectfully submitted

Ed Sarro
Network Administrator

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

Department of Veterans' Office

The Veterans' Office has seen many changes over the past few years. Many Veterans and spouses have come in and applied for benefits. Some received assistance on a temporary basis due to illness or injury. Others qualified for assistance on a monthly basis, and others did not meet the state regulations to qualify for benefits.

The office is ready to handle any requests of veterans due to the ongoing war. So far, we haven't had any applications due to that.

There are many bills before the legislature that could have a great impact on the way that the requests of Veterans' are handled. Some are insignificant and wont affect the office at all. We keep track of these bills and will be ready to implement any changes necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

Armen Amerigian
Veterans' Service Officer

REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Robert Sullivan, School Committee Member

The Southeastern Regional School District offers twenty vocational/technical training programs at its high school and five post-secondary programs at its Technical Institute. Southeastern added the Environmental Technology program this year. Environmental Technology helps meet the rising need for people trained in this career field. On October 1, 2006, 1202 students were enrolled in the high school and 105 students were enrolled in the Technical Institute. West Bridgewater had 38 students enrolled in Southeastern.

Southeastern Regional is affiliated with the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) to develop ways to improve the delivery of vocational-technical education to our students. The SREB and their High Schools That Work (HSTW) program is a nationally-recognized school reform network. Much of the improvements of Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) scores, including increased promotion, retention and graduation rates for Southeastern students, are the result of improvements that were initiated through the HSTW program. The teacher-led HSTW team developed an action plan for the next three years focusing on reading, writing, and mathematics and an Advisor/Advisee program for incoming students. Teachers and administrators from Southeastern Regional shared their successes through presentations at the HSTW national conference this year.

Southeastern has raised its graduation requirements. Students must pass every course every year to graduate. Spanish and chemistry were added as academic offerings this year to meet college entrance requirements.

MY TURN, a private non-profit organization, continues to provide students with school-to-career and college placement activities.

Southeastern Regional graduated 254 students, the highest number of graduates in the past ten years. Students from the Class of 2006 were required to pass the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) test for graduation. Ninety-seven percent of the class received diplomas after meeting this requirement. Placement records indicate that 96.7% of the Class of 2006 were placed in full-time jobs or had elected to pursue post-secondary education.

Program Advisory Committees met in November to discuss and provide recommendations and feedback regarding the Department of Education Certification of Occupational Proficiency (COP). The COP will provide a framework for vocational technical curriculum throughout the commonwealth and will develop instruments to assess the skill attainment of students. Similar to the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) test for academic programs, the COP will begin to standardize vocational technical education in Massachusetts. These committees, made up of industry representatives, parents, and students met again in May to discuss their conclusions and make recommendations to the Southeastern Regional School District Committee. These recommendations are the basis for the continuing improvement of programs at Southeastern.

The Southeastern Technical Institute continues to operate five full-time day programs: Licensed Practical Nursing, Medical Assisting, Administrative Office Technology, Dental Assisting and Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC). The Technical Institute works closely with

the business community to assure students' skills match the skills required by employers. The strongest labor market demand in this area continues to be in the healthcare field.

The Evening School has classes scheduled Monday through Thursday. We continue to recruit new evening school teachers and look for new programs. Classes range from one-night seminars to two and three-night per week courses. Special computer courses for seniors are also offered. The Technical Institute is interested in offering additional customized training programs to business and industry.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR OF THE WEST BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY

The highlight of 2006 was successfully earning the 'Tweens and Teens Grant from the Library Services and Technology Act through the Mass. Board of Library Commissioners. This grant will allow the Public Library to present much needed programming to our least served and most exuberant community members between the ages of ten and sixteen. This library project established an active Youth Advisory Board called the West Bridgewater Teens Club that met first in May with Jane Cartier, Children's Librarian, and 17 teens and 'tweens to assist in planning and implementing dynamic after school and evening programs for educational and cultural enrichment of the group of 200 youth. A new "My Own Café" local website was created with the teens in mind through SEMLS. Nanette Ryan, the new Children's Librarian as of November, and Michelle Sheehan, the new Assistant Children's Librarian as of October, will be responsible for carrying out the grant. The award is $7,500 in each of the two years of the project.

The second reason for excitement is the awarding of the Equal Access Grant. This was developed by Libraries for the Future, the programming wing of the Americans for Libraries Council, a national non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote new approaches to sustaining and developing libraries in the 21st century. This will allow the public library to utilize the Health Access Grant for promoting healthy communities by strengthening capacities to provide health and wellness information and programming for children, young adults, and adults for $5,000 in 2007 - 2008.

"What's Buzzing At Your Library", the summer reading program theme, attracted 300 children for a successful summer of reading activities. The Summer Wrap-Up Program was a popsicle party that featured "Tales from the Outdoors" for 67 children and 35 adults that was sponsored by the West Bridgewater Cultural Council. The children received their certificates at that time. Other events presented were Story Time and Crafts, Toddler Time, Sing Along Concert with Amy and Bill Lyons, bike raffle with the prize donated by Estabrook & Chamberlain Insurance, Sugar Blues, "Tales from the Outdoors" by Mark Binder, pony visit by Oreo with Karen of Stonecroft Farm, Music Together performance by Gwen Marini, Healthy Cosmetics Spa, First Light Fun on Wampanoag life and culture, and Mini Dollhouse Workshops with Jane Feroli. The Reptiles Show and the Super Cold Science show presented by the Museum of Science and were sponsored by the Trustees of the Howard Funds. Weekly summer reading raffle prizes were donated by local businesses and individuals, and the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau donated 50 helmets in the Statewide Helmet Distribution Program.

The Adopt-a-Book program was held in the spring with 21 adult and children's books adopted by WBPL patrons. During the year the Children's Department hosted a variety of programs for children, parents, and caregivers. "Music Together" with Gwyneth Marini and Comic Book Creation with Jack Purcell were sponsored by the Howard Trust. Baby and Me workshops and Nurturing Your Child's Nature workshop were sponsored by North River Collaborative. Story Time with Diana Kane of Creative Connection and Bug Tales were presented by the Library. Two

programs "Beyond Books" and "Snowflakes and Stories" were sponsored by the Howard Trust. Story time for four and five year olds as well as Toddler Time for two and three year olds were held throughout the year. Total participation was 1,200 children and adults.

Community Service volunteer hours by a West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High School student and one home schooled student were supervised by Jane Cartier in the Children's Room in conjunction with the National Honor Society, Junior National Honor Society, and Key Club advisors. The students who gave their time were Jessica Chan and Emaleigh Robson. Adam Turner completed his Eagle Scout project with his fellow scouts and leaders in painting the Children's Room. The fourth, fifth, and sixth graders from the Howard School continue to utilize the WBPL during monthly morning library class visits with School Librarian, Mrs. Dowling. One hundred kindergarten children were welcomed to the Library in November and introduced to the library services offered. The children were able to sign up for their own library cards. The Dollhouse Club handcrafted a large dollhouse that was given to the Children's Room.

The Library introduced an After School Library Monitor Volunteer Program to support good behavior. The first monitor was a National Honor Society student, Holly Coots. The Senior Citizen Tax Abatement Program saw Barbara Reid and Roberta Maraglia sharing the weekly duties in the school year beginning in September. Lloyd Paulding made many improvements in the Library as Handyman in the Senior Citizen volunteer program. Irene White worked as a volunteer creating files for the Director. Indra Howard volunteered in the Historical Room through Massasoit Community College.

The Library has built a collection of materials numbering 75,055 and received 3,716 new items in the year. Circulation in the year was 56,568. There are 6,541 registered borrowers of whom 4,450 are West Bridgewater residents. The Library website is www.sailsinc.org/ westbridgewater. On the website there are links to Library Calendar of All Events and the bimonthly Library Newsletter, HeddaLines, edited by Webmaster Nanette Ryan.

The Library thanks the Friends of the Library and all the volunteers for the full schedule of fascinating programs and the continuation of the Reading Is Fundamental (R.I.F.) program. Friends member dues, receipts from the ongoing book sale, and private donations fund the R.I.F. distribution of paperback books to the students in grades one through five in the town in January, May, and September distributions. Over 21,400 books have been distributed in this program since its start in 1989.

The Library Staff joins me in thanking the citizens of West Bridgewater who continuously support the Public Library. We appreciate that residents recognize that library services are an integral part of community life.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Roll Smith

Beth Roll Smith
Library Director

Annual Report Letter 2006

To the Honorable Board of Selectman, elected officials, appointed officials, and residents of the Town of West Bridgewater:

The Library Board of Trustees takes great pleasure in presenting our 2006 annual report to the Town of West Bridgewater.

The year 2006 was a busy one for the Public Library, during which we experienced many successes. Amongst them, we are most pleased with the success of the new 'Teens and 'Tweens Program. This Program is funded through a special two-year grant and allows the Library to provide after school and evening programs for town residents between the ages of 10 and 16. We are also looking forward to our summer reading program, which is entitled 'What's Buzzing At Your Library'. This program has enjoyed great popularity in the past and we expect it to continue this summer as well. We encourage all residents to stop by the library and take advantage of either of these programs or any of the other many services and programs available.

The Trustees would like to thank the entire staff of the library for their dedication and professionalism in serving the residents of West Bridgewater and the surrounding towns.

The Trustees would like to thank the Friends of the Library, patrons, volunteers, staff, elected officials and all others who continue to give the Library their support.

The Trustees meet the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM in the Historical Room of the Library. The date and time of each meeting is posted at Town Hall and all meetings are open to the public. We hope to see you there.

Respectfully Submitted,

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George G. Hardiman, Vice Chairman
Richard Adams, Secretary
Robert A. Sullivan, Member
Molly Smith, Member
Sue Moore, Member

Town of West Bridgewater
COUNCIL ON AGING

To the Honorable Board Of Selectman & Residents of the Town of West Bridgewater:
As Director of Elder Services, I submit this Annual Report of the Council on Aging for the year ending December 31, 2006. I am happy to report that the Senior Tax Workoff Program has been expanded and continues to be very well received by the town departments & the Senior Citizens who participate. The WBCOA is a wonderful place for anyone to be.

Phone Calls for Information and Referrals	5,543	
Congregate Meals Served (duplicated)	6,348	
Fuel Assist., Food Stamps, Mass. Health Applic.	58	
Dial A Bat Trips (duplicated)	819	
COA Shuttle Client Trips (duplicated)	4,701	
Home Delivered Meals on Wheels (dup.)	3,646	
Recreational Trips	DAY	OVERNIGHT
	22	9
Medicare Applicants	19	
Mass. Health Applicants	12	
Food Stamp Applicants	7	
Supportive Care Clients	22	
Line Dancing Program participants (duplicated)	780	
Bridge Club (duplicated)	1,271	
Outreach Contacts	718	
Flu Clinic Participation	210	
Blood Pressure Test participants	67	
S.erving H.ealth I.nformation		
N.eeds of E.lders	94	
Tai Chi participants (duplicated)	391	
Education & Senior Outreach Programs	6	
Legal Outreach participants	23	
Mah Jongg participants	16	
Knitting & Craft Club participants	8	
Hearing test participants	7	
Bingo participants (duplicated)	3,133	
Special events (duplicated)	424	
Quilting Class participants	5	
Strength & Fitness Class participants	13	
Senior Expo	110	

Thank you,

Mary Harrington Graf
Director Of Elder Services

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Report of the Animal Inspector

The Animal Inspectors for the Town of West Bridgewater, Howard & Lee Anderson respectfully submit the following report:

Steer - 2
Horses – 116
Ponies – 17
Geese -2
Ducks – 413
Chickens – 199
Llamas –5
Beef - 28
Dairy Cows – 225
Pigs – 23
Turkeys – 3303
Sheep – 3
Goats – 27
Rabbits – 3

A reminder to all that as building continues to grow it is motivating wild life to our roads and back yards. Raccoon, coyotes, foxes and feral cats are our biggest concern. We urge everyone to contact the Board of Health Office or the Police if they suspect a sick animal or if one should become a nuisance. Please remember to keep your animal vaccinated against rabies and never to approach a wild animal. If you think your animal has been in contact with a wild animals you should contact your veterinarian.

In order to minimize your risk against having these animals visit your property, pet food should not be left outdoors and trash should be in containers that are of metal or plastic.

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It is with great pleasure that we submit this, our annual report to the residents of West Bridgewater.

The needs and responsibilities of our department continues to grow, our department budget does not reflect the full time needs of the Department. Board members have taken a hand's on approach to help make up for the staffing shortage. A full time inspector is needed to handle the ever-growing workload. The Health Department in conjunction with the emergency management is responsible for preparing and overseeing plans to handle terrorist situations as well as epidemic illnesses, this alone takes many hours each week.

We have been fortunate to fund our contract with Partners Health Care Inc. Partners delivers a number of health services to the residents of our town. For some residents the services provided by Partners is the only health services they receive. We thank our Nurse, Doreen Zeller for her continued commitment to serve our residents.

The Health Department continues to offer the Betterment Program. This program funds low interest loans to residents for the purpose of upgrading failed septic systems. It should be noted that this program is not intended for preparing a home to be sold. We thank Kevin Sullivan for his assistance with the program.

With the cooperation of the Fire Department we continue our Sharps Program. This program is in place to be sure that residences have a proper place to dispose of their used sharps and lancets. We thank the Fire Chief and his department for their cooperation.

Our Department continues to sponsor the Board of Health's Dog, and Cat Rabies Vaccination Clinic, held each April. We thank Dr Andelman of Westbridge Veterinary Hospital for his donation of the vaccine and his assistance; this program has been a great success due to his attentive effort.

The Board would like to thank Jerry Lawrence for his service on the Board of Health, Patricia Turner and Alice Mazzucco for volunteering in our ever growing busy office. We would also like to thank town departments and boards for their cooperation and assistance. Most of all we thank the residents for giving us the opportunity to serve on the Board of Health.

Respectfully submitted,

John Cruz, Chairman
Howard Hayward, Clerk
Richard Harris, Member

West Bridgewater Conservation Commission

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2006 Report of the Conservation Commission

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of the town of West Bridgewater; the Conservation Commission respectfully submits its annual report for 2006.

The Conservation Commission consists of five volunteer members appointed by the Selectmen under the Conservation Act (MGL. Ch 40, Section 8C) whose primary purpose is to uphold and protect the interests and values of the Wetland Protection Act as well as its Wetland Protection Bylaws.

The Commission met in the Town Hall on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday evening of each month, holding 22 regular public meetings, 2 executive sessions and one business meeting in 2006. There were 85 advertised and continued Public Hearings during the year.

The year 2006 proved to be a challenge due to the turn over of members and staff. During the year Commissioners Joseph Souza and Rick Palin resigned, as did Agent Richard Vacca. Their hours of dedicated service are greatly appreciated. Tom Tyrrell and Kevin Parker were appointed to fill the vacated Commission seats.

In November the Commission was notified that the state legislature had passed the town's request to create the position of Alternate Conservation Commission members. Paula Bethoney and Tim Hay were appointed as Alternates, giving the town this added service.

The Commission was also fortunate in receiving the services of volunteer Dorna Bevis as Filing Assistant, under the Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-off Abatement Program.

The Conservation Commission continues in their goal to be people-friendly, always looking for ways to help the general public understand the importance of natural resource preservation balanced with sound business as the town grows. Other goals for the coming year are to work with the Bridgewater State College Internship Program to update the Conservation Land Inventory, and to upgrade the computer database to be more useful.

Respectfully,
Tom Tyrrell, Chairperson
Dick Weatherby, Vice Chair
Howard W. Hayward, Member
Lee Anderson, Member
Kevin Parker, Member
Katherine M. Doherty, Secretary

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS
ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of West Bridgewater:

I submit the following 2006 Annual Report for the Building Department, which reflects growth and the continued enforcement of our By-laws in the interest of public safety throughout the Town.

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION	CONSTRUCTION VALUE
5 Dwellings	$1,518,200.00
1 Mobile	9,000.00
7 Condo Units	1,988,000.00
2 Duplex Homes	580,000.00
18 Additions, Alterations	588,398.00
72 Incidental Construction	991,504.00
9 Swimming Pools	133,300.00
44 Mechanical	90,000.00
44 Zoning	
	$5,898,402.00

COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION	
5 New Buildings	$7,551,700.00
3 Additions, Alterations	2,025,000.00
40 Incidental Construction	1,683,075.00
39 Signs	35,990.00
14 Demolitions	
	$11,295,765.00
CONSTRUCTION VALUE TOTAL	**$17,194,167.00**

Total Fees collected and deposited to the general fund	$185,493.40
Fees collected on Plumbing/Gas Permits	22,090.00
Fees collected on Electrical Permits	20,731.57
Total Fees	**$228,314.97**

In closing, I want to sincerely thank my secretary & office coordinator, Karen Lavin, Inspector of Wiring, Kevin Greiner and Inspector of Plumbing & Gas, Joseph Donovan, Jr., for their continued effort and dedication.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul F. Stringham
Inspector of Buildings
Zoning Enforcement Officer

To the residents of West Bridgewater, we, the members of the West Bridgewater Planning Board submit this Annual report of activities for the year 2006.

Twenty-three (23) meetings were held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month throughout the year. There were seven (7) Form A plans approved. The Planning Board approved four (4) Subdivisions. There are presently ten (10) Subdivisions under various stages of completion and two (2) major Commercial projects under way. The Board has held discussions on other possible subdivisions, both commercial and residential. Twelve (12) Site Plans with Special Permits were approved and/or granted. Eight (8) Site Plans were reviewed and forwarded to the Zoning Board of Appeals for their action.

The Planning Board is following the development of two (2) "55 and Over" Adult Retirement Communities. They are in different stages of development. The Board has been working with the Town's financial team in the development of Commercial and Industrial properties through an Economic Target Area (ETA) partnership with the State. Many projects are under way and many interesting projects have been discussed.

The Board has met many times with residents and property owners to advise them on the use of their property. For the third year, the Board is striving to get Town Meeting acceptance of many streets and roadways. When passed, this will increase the M.G.L. Chapter 90 (road repair) funds that will be paid to the Town. The Planning Board reminds taxpayers, that a street is not official until it is accepted by the town at a Town Meeting.

The Planning Board held three (3) public hearings for zoning changes and forwarded their recommendations to Town Meetings.

Throughout the year, members represented the Board by serving on several Town committees.

The Planning Board would like to thank the Town Boards and Departments for their help and cooperation throughout the past year. In closing we would like to thank the residents of West Bridgewater for their interest in our town by attending our meetings. We invite participation at all meetings.

Respectfully,

Hugh Hurley, Chairman
Howard A. Anderson, Vice Chairman
Gerald E. Stetson, Clerk
Grete Bohannon, Member
Anthony Kinahan, Member

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and residents of West Bridgewater, the Board of Assessors submits their Annual Report.

We have seen property values dropping in 2006, which will be reflected in the 2007 interim assessments.

We have completed our town wide interim revaluation as mandated by the State. We have new business growth and the future looks good for more. We have worked with the Board of Selectmen to maintain a steady tax rate.

The Assessors have a booklet available showing what your Assessors can do and can not do with respect to the taxes you pay. The Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) tightly controls your Board of Assessors; nothing is done without following their rules and guidelines.

The Assessor's office is run by the Board of Assessors, with Head Clerk, Donna Cotter, and Senior Clerk, Jean Upton, making up the clerical staff. All members and staff are certified by the DOR.

The Board of Assessors funded the Senior Work Program from the overlay account for another year.

The Board of Assessors would like to thank the residents and taxpayers of West Bridgewater and all the Town Boards and Departments for their cooperation in helping us reach our goals and objectives.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl A. Smith, Chairperson
Robert W. Lundin, Clerk
Stephen W. McCarthy, Member

65 North Main Street • West Bridgewater, Massachusetts 02379

Town of West Bridgewater

Office of Board of Appeals
West Bridgewater, MA 02379

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of West Bridgewater,

The Zoning Board of Appeals is governed by Chapter 40A, as amended, and the Town of West Bridgewater Zoning By-Laws. Public hearings were held in the Town Hall Conference Room and were scheduled as hearing applications were received. Applications for appeals are available from the Town Clerk's office.

During 2006, the Board of Appeals held sixteen (16) Public Hearings. Results of these hearings are as follows:

Special Permits granted	10
Variances granted	4
Applications withdrawn	1
Special Permit request pending	1

During 2006, long time member, Vice Chairman John DeCosta resigned from the board. John's expertise will be greatly missed. In addition, Associate Members Leonard Hunt and Noreen D'Andrea also resigned. The Board of Appeals wishes them well as they pursue other interests. The Board welcomed new members Carolyn Ameno, Thomas Snell, and Fred Hartblay.

The Board of Appeals would like to thank Town Counsel David Gay, all town officials, as well as all town departments for their cooperation and continued assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

William Lucini, Chairman
James Henderson, Vice Chairman
Lars (Gary) Eliasson
Armen Amerigian
Carolyn Ameno
Thomas Snell, Associate Member
Fred Hartblay, Associate Member

January 1, 2007

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of West Bridgewater:

I herewith submit my Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 2006.

During the calendar year 2006, a total of two hundred one (201) measuring devices were sealed, fifty-seven (57) devices were adjusted, two (2) devices were marked Not Sealed (as such they cannot be used legally in trade). There were seven (7) devices condemned for failure to meet prescribed standards. In addition, one (1) scanning system consisting of eleven (11) scanners was tested.

The following is a summary of measuring devices inspected and tested:

Scales and Balances	
Over 10,000 pounds	None
5,000 to 10,000 pounds	4 Sealed
100 to 5,000 pounds	14 Sealed 3 Adjusted 1 Condemned
Under 100 pounds	36 Sealed 2 Adjusted 1 Not Sealed 1 Condemned
Weights	
Avoirdupois	7 Sealed
Metric	None
Apothecary	None
Liquid Measuring Meters	
Gasoline	77 Sealed 45 Adjusted 1 Not Sealed
Diesel Fuel	10 Sealed 6 Adjusted 2 Condemned
Kerosene	1 Sealed 1 Adjusted
Spring Water	8 Sealed
Fabric Measuring Devices	
	41 Sealed 3 Condemned

Redemption Machines	2 Sealed
Scanner Systems	1 Tested

The following fees were assessed for the above inspections:

Sealing Fees	$3,202.00
Adjusting Fees	500.00
Total Fees	$3,702.00

All fees were collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer prior to the end of the calendar year.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Board of Selectmen and to the personnel in the various Town Offices for their continued cooperation in assisting me in carrying out my assigned duties.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert A. Wolfer
Sealer of Weights and Measures

REPORT OF PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

The Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project are pleased to submit the following report of our activities during 2006.

The Project is a special district created by the State Legislature in 1957, and is now composed of all Plymouth County towns, the City of Brockton, and the Town of Cohasset in Norfolk County. The Project is a regional response to a regional problem, and provides a way of organizing specialized equipment, specially trained employees, and mosquito control professionals into a single agency with a broad geographical area of responsibility.

The 2006 season began with a normal water table until record May precipitation produced large numbers of spring and summer brood mosquitoes throughout the County. Efforts were directed at larval mosquitoes starting with the spring brood. Ground and aerial larviciding was accomplished using B.t.i., an environmentally selective bacterial agent. Upon emergence of the spring brood of mosquitoes, ultra-low volume adulticiding began. The Project responded to 13,708 requests for service from residents.

In response to the elevated threat of mosquito borne diseases in the district, we increased our trapping, aerial and ground larviciding, and adult spray in areas of concern to protect public health.

Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus was first isolated from *Culiseta melanura*, a bird biting species, by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in Carver on July 17, 2006. Of the season's record breaking total of one hundred fifty seven EEE isolates, fifty four were from Plymouth County as follows: Bridgewater- 8/1(2), 8/18, 8/19; Brockton- 9/18; Carver- 7/17, 8/2, 8/6, 8/21(2), 8/22, 10/2; Cohasset- 8/25; East Bridgewater- 8/9; Halifax- 8/2(2), 8/7, 8/10, 8/16, 8/21, 8/31(3); Hanover- 9/18; Hingham- 9/12; Kingston- 8/7(2), 8/10(2), 8/21, 8/22, 9/25; Lakeville- 7/25, 7/26(2), 8/2, 8/6(4), 8/22; Marshfield- 8/31; Mattapoisett- 8/10; Middleboro- 8/1; Pembroke- 8/16; Plympton- 7/31, 8/16(2), 8/28, 8/30; Rochester- 9/6; Rockland- 8/14 and Scituate- 9/12. Five human cases of EEE were confirmed statewide with cases reported in Lakeville and Middleboro. Three horses were diagnosed with EEE in Plymouth County (Lakeville, Middleboro and Pembroke). A Llama from Scituate was also tested positive for EEE.

Analysis of risk indicators in Southeastern Massachusetts were showing that the risk of human EEE infection was at a critical level. This precipitated aerial spraying at dusk on August 8th of approximately 159,000 acres and an expanded aerial spray zone of approximately 425,000 acres between August 22nd and 24th which included a great portion of Plymouth County. We normally end our spray season on Labor Day. This year we suspended our ULV ground spray season on September 30. Based on guidelines defined by the "Vector Control Plan to Prevent EEE" in Massachusetts, Southeastern Massachusetts will be at a "moderate level of EEE risk" beginning the 2007 season.

We are pleased to report that in 2006 there were no human or horse West Nile Virus cases in Plymouth County. A total of five birds tested positive for WNV in the following three towns: Bridgewater (3), Brockton (1) and Pembroke (1). A total of six isolations of WNV in mosquitoes were found in the following towns: Bridgewater (8/22), Carver (8/21), Halifax (8/30), Kingston (9/19), Pembroke (8/6) and Plympton (8/30).

The recurring problem of EEE and WNV continues to ensure cooperation between the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project, local Boards of Health and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. In an effort to keep the public informed, EEE and WNV activity updates are regularly posted on Massachusetts Department of Public Health website at www.state.ma.us/dph/wnv/wnv1.htm.

The figures specific to the Town of West Bridgewater are given below. While mosquitoes do not respect town lines the information given below does provide a tally of the activities which have had the greatest impact on the health and comfort of West Bridgewater residents.

Insecticide Application. 1,882 acres were treated using truck mounted sprayers for control of adult mosquitoes. More than one application was made to the same site if mosquitoes reinvaded the area. The first treatments were made in June and the last in September.

Aerial Application. Larviciding woodland swamps by airplane before the leaves come out on the trees continues to be very effective. In West Bridgewater this year we aerially larvicided 560 acres.

Our greatest effort has been targeted at mosquitoes in the larval stage, which can be found in woodland pools, swamps, marshes and other standing water areas. Inspectors continually gather data on these sites and treat with highly specific larvicides when immature mosquitoes are present.

Water Management. During 2006 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 3,400 linear feet of ditches and streams to prevent overflows or stagnation that can result in mosquito breeding. This work, together with machine reclamation, is most often carried out in the fall and winter.

Finally, we have been tracking response time, which is the time between notice of a mosquito problem and response by one of our inspectors. The complaint response time in the Town of West Bridgewater was less than two days with more than 186 complaints answered.

Mosquito Survey. A systematic sampling for the mosquitoes in West Bridgewater indicates that *Aedes vexans* was the most abundant species. Other important species collected include *Coquillettidia perturbans* and *Ochlerotatus canadensis.*

We encourage citizens or municipal officials to visit our website at www.plymouthmosquito.com or call our office for information about mosquitoes, mosquito-borne diseases, control practices, or any other matters of concern.

Raymond D. Zucker
Superintendent

Commissioners:
Carolyn Brennan, Chairman
Michael J. Pieroni, Vice-Chairman
Leighton F. Peck, Secretary
William J. Mara
Kenneth W. Ludlam, Ph.D.

REPORT OF THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater:

As your representatives to the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC), we are pleased to present this report on behalf of the Council for 2006.

The Old Colony Planning Council was established in 1967 by state statute and is authorized to prepare plans for the physical, social and economic development of the fifteen-member community region. OCPC is designated as: an Economic Development District by the U.S. Department of Commerce for the coordination of regional economic development activities; an Area Agency on Aging (AAA) by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to plan, manage and coordinate elder services in a twenty-three community service area; and, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to plan and program transportation and transit improvements for the region.

In addition to the above-designated responsibilities, the Council is concerned with a wide variety of area-wide and inter-municipal concerns as they pertain to the development of the Planning District. The Council also assists its member municipalities with technical planning, grant application preparation and current local and regional trends socioeconomic information.

During the past year, the Council completed work on the Halifax and Plympton GIS parcel mapping; the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) 2006 Area Plan; the OCPC 2006 DataBook; the Old Colony 2006 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS); BAT - FY 2006 Ridership Analysis; BAT - Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP); BAT - Title VI Plan; numerous Intersection/Technical Studies, and the FFY 2007-2010 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). This past year, the Council conducted traffic counts at approximately 225 locations throughout the region. The Council also continued work on updating the Long Range Regional Transportation Plan, which identifies transportation project needs in the OCPC region, for the next twenty-five years; OCPC Policy Plan; East Bridgewater Economic Target Area (ETA) designation; Route 3A Corridor Study in Kingston and Plymouth; Easton Circulation Study; and participation on the MBTA Taskforce in the New Bedford/Fall River Commuter Rail Growth Impact Study. OCPC is also working with the Regional Wastewater Committee including the towns of Avon, East Bridgewater, Easton, West Bridgewater and the City of Brockton on developing a scope for a feasibility study looking at potential regional solutions to wastewater management. The Area Agency on Aging provided approximately 100,000 vehicle miles of volunteer Transportation; 2,000 hours of legal services; and approximately 500,000 meals to the seniors.

Each member community of the Council is represented by one delegate and one alternate member. The Council members establish policy, develop the work program, and employ and oversee the activities of the professional staff. The Council meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the OCPC offices located at 70 School Street, Brockton, MA. In 2006, the Council elected Robert Overholtzer of Hanson as President of OCPC; Jeanmarie Kent Joyce of Easton as Council Treasurer; and, Joseph P. Landolfi of Stoughton as Council Secretary. Pasquale Ciaramella serves as Executive Director of the Council.

The Council gratefully acknowledges the generous support and cooperation of its member communities and the participation and involvement of the many individuals who participate as members of committees. Special thanks are extended to Joint Transportation Committee Chair Noreen O'Toole; Comprehensive Economic Development Committee Chair Salvador A. Pina; and, the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee Mary Willis for their commitment, dedication and leadership during the year. The Council also recognizes the work of local boards and commissions and the government agencies, public and private institutions and individuals who assisted the Council in its efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
Eldon Moreira, Delegate
Matthew Striggles, Delegate At-Large

Southeastern Regional Services Group
2006 Annual Report

The eighteen member communities of the Southeastern Regional Services Group (SERSG) have continued to benefit from the provision of procurement and other services to their municipalities during 2006. Lara Thomas has served as regional administrator of SERSG since 2004.

One of the organization's major accomplishments has been keeping dues at a reasonable level without an increase since July 1, 2003. The regional administrator has accomplished this by implementing cost savings measures including bundling phone and internet services, seeking out less expensive payroll services, participating in SERSG contracts for paper and office supplies, and making better use of technology to cut or maintain costs.

Cooperative procurements for Paper and DPW Supplies and Water and Sewer Treatment Chemicals were held in the spring and for DPW Services in the fall. Initial review of state and other municipal contracts reveals that SERSG procurements continue to yield lower prices on many DPW Supplies and Services for municipalities.

In addition to procurement work, Ms. Thomas worked with the Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissions to coordinate a local training available to conservation commissioners state-wide. Surveys of interest were conducted and the training was held in the spring and summer in Easton.

With many Board members describing the need to enhance employee morale, Ms. Thomas worked with LifeWatch Employee Assistance program to develop a March seminar entitled, "Building A Peaceful Work Environment" Almost 40 people from member communities participated, and the evaluations of the seminar were overwhelmingly positive. Similar trainings are being discussed for the future.

A representative of the State Office of Women and Minority Business Assistance (SOWMBA) made a presentation at a fall Board of Directors meeting to clarify new guidelines for municipalities involving contracts to Minority and Women Business vendors.

Ms. Thomas was invited to speak to the Wrentham Board of Selectmen over the summer to clarify the cooperative procurement process and to explain how membership benefits the town.

The Pipeline Project continued to be active during the year with Ms. Thomas coordinating Committee meetings, the RFP process and hiring of a community relations firm, and the RFP process for a construction supervisor for the projects. Mitigation negotiations were finalized in two of four communities during 2006, and the Committee is hopeful that construction on municipal rights of way may be able to begin in spring 2007.

Finally, monthly meetings of the Board of Directors and the Highway Superintendents continued to provide valuable opportunities for representatives from member communities to share concerns and receive ideas and feedback about a wide variety of issues affecting municipalities.

Womansplace Crisis Center

P.O. Box 4206 *Brockton, MA 02303 *Phone:(508)588-8255* Fax:(508)588-0034

THE PROGRAM

Womansplace Crisis Center (WCC) is a program of Health Care of Southeastern Massachusetts, Inc., which is a private, non-profit agency. The center combines The services of the former Plymouth County Rape Crisis Center and Womansplace Shelter for Battered Women. Womansplace Crisis Center was established more than eighteen years ago in response to the need for these services in every community. We, at the center, work hard to eliminate rape and sexual assault and domestic violence in our communities. *All counseling services are free of charge.*

SERVICES

Womansplace Crisis Center provides an array of services which includes:

24-HOUR HOTLINE: The hotline provides 24-hour counseling to survivors of rape, incest and sexual assault, and to their significant others.

CRISIS INTERVENTION: Through the hotline, counselors are available 24 hours a day to respond to survivors and their families, police departments or emergency rooms immediately after an assault.

INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP COUNSELING: Individual and group counseling are offered to survivors and their significant others in order to help them deal with the devastating, emotional impact of the rape or sexual assault. Group counseling brings survivors of a sexual assault together to help them deal with the feelings of isolation and helplessness.

MEDICAL LIASON: Counselors are trained in emergency protocols for treatment of rape survivors, the same as is utilized by various community hospitals.

LEGAL LIASON: Trained counselors respond to emergency room calls and work in collaboration with SANE (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners), to provide emotional support and information to a sexual assault survivor and their significant others (families).

COMMUNITY EDUCATION: Educational and training programs are offered to schools, churches, social service agencies, police departments, hospitals and community organizations on rape awareness/prevention, child assault, rape trauma syndrome, and other related issues.

THE NEED:

- *Public Health Issue—The numbers have changed*
  1. Rape is an extensive public health problem as indicated by a recent report that states *1 in 4,* both young *women* under the age of 18 and *adult women* over the age of 18, and *1 in 6 boys* under the age 18 and *1 in 33* men over the age of 18, in Massachusetts, have been the victims of one or more forcible rapes. It is estimated that 302,091 adult American women and 92,748 adult American men experience a completed or attempted rape(s) each year (Tjaden and Thoennes, 1998).
  2. Of female Americans who are raped, 54% experience their first rape *before the age of* 18 (Ibid).
  3. F.B.I. statistics indicate that *1 in 7 men* will be sexually assaulted in their lifetime.
  4. Rape, incest and sexual assault are violent crimes where the assailant wishes to control and humiliate their victim(s)—not for a wish for sexual gratification. A majority of these sexual assaults are planned.
  5. Rape, incest and sexual assault can result in health issues such as pregnancies; STDs, including HIV/AIDS; mental health problems, and other somatic difficulties. Of adult American women who are raped, 31.5% are physically injured, but only 35.6% of those who are injured receive medical care (Tjaden and Thoennes, 1998).
  6. Rape Crisis Centers (RCCs) provide education and help facilitate public dialogue to discuss openly the issues of sexual assault.
  7. Public acknowledgement occurs when a society takes responsibility by providing public funds to address public health issues such as sexual assault.
  8. This acknowledgement helps a society to "break the silence" and, ultimately, to give permission and provide safety for the victim to speak up.

- *Public Safety Issue*
  1. RCCs help rape survivors understand their options, lets them know that people believe in them and do not blame them, and supports them through all of their decisions in healing from the trauma, which may include prosecuting the crime of rape.
  2. We know that, approximately, 16% of rape victims report this crime to the police. Of female college students, *under* 5% report this crime to police.
  3. If the victim of rape chooses to report to the police and prosecute, the Rape Crisis counselor will support them through this process. With this support, rape survivors are more likely to be able to get through the difficult process of prosecution.
  4. Thus, there will be a greater possibility of perpetrators of sexual assault to be incarcerated. Since we know that there is a high recidivism rate among these perpetrators of an average of 7 assaults committed by each perpetrator, then as a society we will be making more individuals safe from rape and we will be increasing offender accountability.

- *Dangerous Messages*
  1. To the victim:

     We, as a society, are no longer willing to listen.
  2. To the offender:

     We, as a society, do not really prioritize sexual assault interventions and prevention issues.

. . . *We then minimize the seriousness of this devastating crime.*

Womansplace Crisis Center is a Program of Health Care of Southeastern Massachusetts, Inc.

REPORT OF THE
PARTNERS HOME CARE, INC.
200 Ledgewood Place
Rockland, MA 02370
781-681-1000

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of West Bridgewater

On behalf of Partners Home Care, Inc., we are pleased to submit our annual report for 2006.

Partners Home Care, Inc., a non-profit Medicare certified agency, serves West Bridgewater residents, offering skilled nursing; physical, occupational and speech therapy services, medical social work, nutrition counseling, and home health aide assistance. Partners Home Care, Inc. continues to meet the highest standards of excellence fulfilling the mission of providing quality home health care to those in need.

Besides assisting our patients with a variety of home health services, Partners Home Care, Inc. offers many community programs including wellness programs, health promotion screenings, nutrition seminars, caregivers support groups and health education seminars.

Highlights of public health activities for 2006 include: increased communicable disease surveillance, successful flu/pneumonia immunizations; adult and pediatric immunization clinics for the community; TB tests and readings; blood pressure clinics; glucose screenings; weekly office hours and monthly health clinics whereby residents may obtain health screening and counseling. PHC also serves as a depot for state-distributed vaccine. Community health programs were presented this year including provision of a babysitting training course and participated in the West Bridgewater senior expo. The PHC public health nurse represents the West Bridgewater Board of Health at Mass DPH Immunization Update, MA DPH TB Update, MA DPH Infectious Disease Update, Surveillance, Reporting and Control; and maintains current CDC Emergency Preparedness/Bioterrorism information to the community inclusive of attending the MA DPH conference on "Be Prepared for The Pandemic Flu" and attending a pandemic flu table top excercise. Confidential communicable disease surveillance as mandated by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health is conducted on a regular basis.

Ongoing communication regarding public health activities and initiative continues with Board of Health, the public schools and town agencies and departments. The following is a summary of the activities:

Clinics	177	BP Screening	202
Communicable Disease follow-up	29	Blood Sugar Screening	10
Flu Immunizations	322	Health Promotion Visits	2

In addition, visits were made to West Bridgewater residents by ACVNA staff through Medicare, Medicaid or third party insurer. The array of regular, specially and supportive services provided include:

Skilled Nurse
Occupational Therapy
Home Health Aide Services
Education and Support Groups
Case Management
Alzheimer's Disease Care
Parkinson's Program
Diabetes Education
Mental Health
Maternal Child Health
Physical Therapy
Speech Language Therapy
Medical Social Worker
Private Health Care Services
Cardiac Care
Rehabilitation Nursing
Complex Wound Care
Oncology Care
Homemaker/Companion
Telehealth

Partners Home Care extends sincere appreciation to West Bridgewater for their support over the past years. It is through the contract with our local government/Board of Health, the generosity of area businesses and our loyal townspeople that we can ensure the provisions of community health programs and medically necessary home services to those who need them.

Working together, we can successfully meet the health care needs of our community and enhance services offered to the residents of West Bridgewater.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doreen Zeller, RN
Community Health Nurse

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
ANNUAL REPORT
July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006

The role of Plymouth County Cooperative Extension is to deliver research-based information to Plymouth County residents through non-formal methods. The Plymouth County Extension staff work in concert with UMass Amherst Faculty and Extension staff on behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture, to provide valuable information in Extension's four major program areas: Agriculture and Landscape; 4-H Youth and Family Development; Nutrition Education; and Natural Resources & Environmental Conservation. The Extension System is supported by County, Federal and State funds, and operates under Federal and State laws and agreements. Local citizens, appointed by the Plymouth County Commissioners, serve as Plymouth County Cooperative Extension Trustees, directing the overall program. Volunteer advisory groups work with Extension staff on developing programs.

Cooperative Extension resources and programs for Plymouth County residents include: sustainable garden lectures, fruit pruning demonstrations; research and educational programs on winter moth and gypsy moth caterpillars; pesticide applicator training & licensing exams; the annual UMass Extension Garden Calendar; landscape and horticultural training and resources for municipal employees and green industry professionals; accredited overnight 4-H summer camps; and teacher workshops and resources. New research findings are translated into practical applications and shared with residents and communities through workshops, conferences, field demonstrations, radio and television, local libraries, technical assistance, and newspaper articles. Publications such as newsletters, booklets, and fact sheets bring information directly to those who need it. Additional information is delivered through office visits, phone calls, and UMass-Amherst Extension web access www.umassextension.org .

The Plymouth County Extension office is located at P.O. Box 658, High St. Hanson MA 02341 (781-293-3541; 781-447-5946) plyctyext@mindspring.com. Regional Extension programs are often conducted in Southeastern Massachusetts.

UMass Extension also operates the Cranberry Experiment Research Station, located in Wareham and the Nutrition Education Program, located in Brockton.

Members of the Plymouth County Staff:

Michael D. Koski, 4-H Youth and Family Development Program
Molly Vollmer, 4-H Youth and Family Development Program
Deborah C. Swanson, Landscape, Nursery and Urban Forestry Program
Debra L. Corrow, Executive Assistant

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THE COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY OF GREATER BROCKTON AND ATTLEBORO
780 WEST MAIN STREET, AVON, MA 02322 TEL. (508) 588-0447 FAX (508) 588-1266

"AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER"

JOHN DAVIS
President, Board of Directors

JONATHAN R. CARLSON
Executive Director

January 4, 2007

REPORT TO THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

During the program year ending September 30, 2006 Self Help, Inc., received a total funding of approximately $21M and provided direct services to 23,977 limited income households in the area.

In the TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER Self Help, Inc. provided services totaling $480,201 to 708 households during program year 2006.

Self Help's total funding of $21,006,167 does not tell the real value of services delivered to the area as a whole. This funding enabled us to mobilize an additional $1,370,659 of other community resources such as, volunteers, donations of space, and private donations in the form of goods and services. Therefore, the total impact of Self Help, Inc., during the past program year was $22,346,826.

In addition, Self Help currently employs 250 individuals. Many of these individuals are of limited income, and most reside in our service area.

We feel that October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006 was a successful program year for us because we were able to assist as many individuals and/or families as we did, regardless of the challenges of being a human service provider.

We thank the Town of West Bridgewater and its representatives to our board, Mr. Charles Baker and Ms. Theresa McNulty, and all the volunteers for helping us to make fiscal year 2006 a successful one.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Wang
Executive Assistant/Human Resource Manager

Avon Site: Central Administration (508) 588-0447 • Community Partnerships for Children (508) 559-1666
Attleboro Site: Fuel Assistance • Client Services (508) 226-4192 • Head Start (508) 226-2030
Brockton Sites: Energy Conservation (508) 580-4481 • Family & Parenting Center (508) 559-8821
Fuel Assistance (508) 588-5440 • Head Start 370 Howard St. (508) 587-1716
Lead Abatement (508) 584-4755 • MELD (508) 559-8704 • TTY (508) 587-6118

CHIEF OF POLICE
DONALD H. CLARK

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Town of West Bridgewater
Police Department
West Bridgewater, Massachusetts 02379

April 22, 2007

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of West Bridgewater, as Chief of Police, I submit my annual report on the West Bridgewater Police Department for the year 2006.

During this past year we were able to secure grant funding that enabled us to upgrade our in-house computer system. The new system allows us to communicate with other law enforcement agencies in ways never before possible. It is also more efficient and allows us to be more effective. By securing the funding through a grant, we were able to save the town over one hundred thousand dollars. We will continue to explore all opportunities for funding such as this grant to reduce costs to the taxpayers.

There were two new full time officers appointed. Officers Russell Regan III and Officer Timothy Pope joined the department, attended the Plymouth Police Academy and graduated in the summer. Both officers are currently working and are great additions to the department.

Two officers received the MADD award. Sgt. Christopher Werner and Officer Russell Regan received the award for their efforts to combat drunk driving. I would like to congratulate both of these officers for their accomplishment.

As I write this letter, we are housed in temporary quarters while our station addition is being worked on. I would like to thank all of the residents for their support on this very important project. We expect to be in the building by years end.

As always, we continue to work to provide a safe community for the residents. I would like to thank all of the men and women on this department for their efforts over the past year.

I herewith submit the annual report for the West Bridgewater Police Department for the year 2006.

Homicides.....0
Larceny.....152
Arrest (Total).....370
Protective Custody.....48
Assault.....22
Robbery.....7
Breaks (Residential & Commercial).....30
Rapes.....0
Attempted Rapes.....1
Indecent Assault & Battery.....4
Operating Under the Influence.....111
Open & Gross Lewdness.....2
Child Abuse.....3
Abuse Prevention Orders (209A) Served.....113
Domestic Abuse Calls.....36
Arson.....1

MISCELLANEOUS

Mutual Aid.....164
Assist EMS.....482
Officers Assaulted.....2
Vehicles Stolen.....10
Vehicles recovered.....9
Vandalism.....49
Alarms answered.....391

Total calls for service..... 8,897

TRAFFIC

Investigated Accidents.....322
Fatal.....0
Non Investigated Accidents.....251

CITATIONS

Warnings.....665
Civil Violations.....577
Arrest.....333
Criminal Violations.....285
Total Violations.....1860

MONIES RECEIVED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER POLICE FOR 2006

Pistol Permit and FID Issued	$3,072.50
License to Sell Firearms and Ammunition	0
Receipts from copies of Police reports	$2,240.00
Parking Fines & Brockton District Court Fines	$60,385.78
Witness Fees & Summons Collected	$113.00
10% Surcharge on detail billing	$7,840.90
Alarm Billing	$5,025.00
Total	$78,677.18

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald H. Clark
Chief

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Town of West Bridgewater
Police Department
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April 22, 2007

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater, as Chief of Police, I submit my annual report for the Animal Control Department for the year 2006.

Dog Licenses	928
Number taken to court for unlicensed dogs	62
Animal related calls	210
Dog fines collected	$1,365.
Kennel costs	$720.
Animal Control Officer cost	$1,189.84

Respectfully submitted,

Donald H. Clark
Chief

TOWN OFFICES TELEPHONE NUMBERS
EMERGENCIES - DIAL 911

Town Departments	Phone Numbers
Accountant	894-1201
Assessors	894-1212
Board of Health	894-1209
Building	894-1207
Conservation	894-4973
Council on Aging	894-1262
Fire	586-3232
Forestry	894-1217
High School	894-1220
Highway	894-1216
Housing Authority	588-2781
Howard School	894-1250
Library	894-1255
Police	586-2525
Pupil Personnel	894-1236
Rose L. MacDonald School	894-1240
Selectmen	894-1267
Superintendent of Schools	894-1230
Tax/Treasurer	894-1203
Town Clerk	894-1200
Vehicle Maintenance	894-1218
Veterans	894-1200
Water Department	894-1271

2008 EARTH DAY AND ARBOR DAY
TREE PLANTING
FRIENDSHIP PARK PLAYGROUND
HOWARD SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

ANNUAL TOWN REPORT OF THE TOWN OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES OF THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007

THE 2007 TOWN REPORT
IS DEDICATED
IN MEMORY OF

DONALD LEROY MILLER, JR.

ASSESSOR
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBER
LOCAL NEWS REPORTER

This Town Report is also dedicated to all Town Employees, past and present, who continue to serve the Town of West Bridgewater with dedication and pride.

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Board of Selectmen

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen hereby submits its 186th Annual Town Report.

In 2007, Matthew P. Albanese, was re-elected for his second term on the Board of Selection. Under reorganization Eldon F. Moreira was elected Chairman; Jerry D. Lawrence, Clerk and Matthew P. Albanese, Member.

The Town also moved forward with the renovation and reconstruction of the Police and Fire Stations. Former Selectman Victor Flaherty volunteered to be named as the Town's Project Manager, overseeing the development of plans, the bidding process and most importantly, the actually construction of the $5 million expansion.

In the Spring of 2006, the Selectmen were notified that thanks to the efforts of Representative Christine Canavan and Senator Brian Joyce the Town received a $250,000 state legislative grant to construct a new regulation Soccer Field. Construction began in fall of 2007.

The Town welcomed many new businesses into Town during 2007, including Lowe's Home Improvement, which added a much-needed facility for Town residents to shop at and gave a tremendous boost to economic growth.

Plymouth County Selectmen's Association, whose Chairman is Selectman Albanese, grew stronger as the year went on. Meetings are now being held on a regular basis, with topics of discussion centering on contemporary issues, such as the proposed Casino in Middleboro, and its impact on all towns in Plymouth County.

The Selectmen also became official interveners in the opposition to the proposed new Power Plant in Brockton, with many local residents starting a grassroots committee. This committee has the full backing of the Board of Selectmen who are using every available means to look out for the well-being of the residents of West Bridgewater.

The Selectmen continue to pursue the rebuilding of the South Street Bridge, and it looks as if this project could see its completion sometime in Fiscal Year 2008.

The Fire Department hired a new firefighter/paramedic, Christopher Lynds, a man we are sure will be an outstanding asset to our department.

During this past year, the Selectmen, as the appointing authority, also appointed Edward O'Brien as a Full-Time Police officer.

The Selectmen also appointed Christopher Rolfe to the Forestry Department in September of 2007. Chris is a Town resident and is a welcome addition to this department.

The Manley Street Reconstruction project occupied a good deal of the Selectmen's time, making sure the project kept on time and within budget. Although it is the State's engineers overseeing the work, the Town could be responsible for any major problems encountered.

The Selectmen, once again, wish to commend our Administrator, Beth Fariey. As our liaison to the community and the many employees, boards and commissions that serve the Town, she has the responsibility of getting our votes and messages out to meet the needs and wishes of this Board.

We wish also to thank our Confidential Secretary, Donna Larson and Assistant Confidential Secretary, Jacqueline Lee, for their hard work and dedication. They show compassion and helpfulness to all those who enter through our doors.

Respectfully submitted,

Eldon F. Moreira, Chairman
Jerry D. Lawrence, Clerk
Matthew P. Albanese, Member
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Selectman Matthew Albanese, mpwalbanese@yahoo.com

REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES
TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2007

REAL ESTATE								
								6/30/2007
YEAR	7/1/2006	COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS	REFUNDS	TAX LIENS/ADJ	FORECLOSURES	COLLECTIONS	BALANCE
	BALANCE		EXEMPTIONS			DEFFERED		
2006	$ 466,465.00		$ (10,031.00)	$ 10,111.00	$ (22,268.00)	$ (7,097.00)	$ (413,445.00)	$ 23,735.00
2007		$ 13,455,596.00	$ (92,732.00)	$ 27,524.00	$ (59,420.00)	$ (22,023.00)	$ (12,802,429.00)	$ 506,516.00
TOTALS	**$ 466,465.00**	**$ 13,455,596.00**	**$ (102,763.00)**	**$ 37,635.00**	**$ (81,688.00)**	**$ (29,120.00)**	**$ (13,215,874.00)**	**$ 530,251.00**

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE						
	7/1/2006	COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS	REFUNDS	COLLECTIONS	6/30/2007
	BALANCE					BALANCE
2005	$ 23,299.00	$ 65.21		$ 559.00	$ (18,276.00)	$ 5,647.21
2006	$ 31,705.00	$ 285,936.00	$ (14,305.00)	$ 8,863.00	$ (285,570.00)	$ 26,629.00
2007		$ 870,139.00	$ (10,833.00)	$ 2,535.00	$ (748,211.00)	$ 113,630.00
TOTALS	**$ 55,004.00**	**$ 1,156,140.21**	**$ (25,138.00)**	**$ 11,957.00**	**$ (1,052,057.00)**	**$ 145,906.21**

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES							
YEAR	07/01/06 BALANCE	COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS	REFUNDS	ADJUSTMENTS	COLLECTIONS	06/30/07 BALANCE
1998	$ 247.00						$ 247.00
1999	$ 247.00						$ 247.00
2000	$ 366.00						$ 366.00
2001	$ 397.00						$ 397.00
2002	$ 960.00						$ 960.00
2003	$ 416.00						$ 416.00
2004	$ 891.00		$ (94.00)				$ 797.00
2005	$ 3,395.00		$ (168.00)			$ (1,105.00)	$ 2,122.00
2006	$ 29,034.00		$ (1,898.00)	$ 106.00	$ (10.00)	$ (21,305.00)	$ 5,927.00
2007		$ 606,819.00	$ (60,142.00)	$ 373.00	$ (147.00)	$ (512,196.00)	$ 34,707.00
TOTALS	**$ 35,953.00**	**$ 606,819.00**	**$ (62,302.00)**	**$ 479.00**	**$ (157.00)**	**$ (534,606.00)**	**$ 46,186.00**

WATER USE CHARGES							
YEAR	07/01/2006 BALANCE	COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS	WATER LIENS	COLLECTIONS	06/30/07 BALANCE
2002	$ (12,051.00)						$ (12,051.00)
2003	$ (5,446.00)						$ (5,446.00)
2004	$ 3,982.00						$ 3,982.00
2005	$ 59,307.00	$ 11,363.00				$ (17,383.00)	$ 53,287.00
2006	$ 109,215.00	$ 16,229.00	$ (2,411.00)			$ (62,241.00)	$ 60,792.00
2007		$ 903,120.00	$ (8,534.00)			$ (796,661.00)	$ 97,925.00
TOTALS	**$ 155,007.00**	**$ 930,712.00**	**$ (10,945.00)**	**$ -**	**$ -**	**$ (876,285.00)**	**$ 198,489.00**

WATER LIENS RECEIVABLES	07/01/2006 BALANCE	COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS	TAX LIENS	ADJUSTMENTS	COLLECTIONS	06/30/07 BALANCE
2006	$ 3,239.00			$ (401.00)		$ (2,838.00)	$ -
2007		$ 37,072.00		$ (3,775.00)	$ (589.00)	$ (29,407.00)	$ 3,301.00
TOTALS	**$ 3,239.00**	**$ 37,072.00**	**$ -**	**$ (4,176.00)**	**$ (589.00)**	**$ (32,245.00)**	**$ 3,301.00**
TIE INS	**$ 152,017.00**						

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

TRUST FUNDS	BALANCE AS OF 07/01/2006	INTEREST EARNED	DEPOSITS	FUNDS EXPENDED	BALANCE AS OF 06/30/2007
CEMETERIES					
PINE HILL	$ 3,492.00	$ 176.00			**$ 3,668.00**
TOWN CEMETERIES	$ 18,407.00	$ 926.00			**$ 19,333.00**
LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS					
#1	$ 15,605.00	$ 818.00		$ (828.00)	**$ 15,595.00**
#2	$ 8,004.00	$ 431.00		$ (205.00)	**$ 8,230.00**
#3	$ 17,474.00	$ 922.00		$ (2,663.00)	**$ 15,733.00**
#4	$ 18,471.00	$ 1,088.00		$ (922.00)	**$ 18,637.00**
GLADYS COLE LIBRARY FUND	$ 12,259.00	$ 666.00		$ (541.00)	**$ 12,384.00**
CURTIS MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND	$ 5,022.00	$ 272.00		$ (217.00)	**$ 5,077.00**
W.J. & A.C. HOWARD SCHOLARSHIP FUND	$ 4,999.00	$ 251.00		$ (250.00)	**$ 5,000.00**
FRIENDSHIP PARK GAZEBO	$ 2,129.00	$ 108.00			**$ 2,237.00**
STABILIZATION FUND	$ 10,534.00	$ 572.00			**$ 11,106.00**
STUDENT ACTIVITIES	$ 85,870.00	$ 1,182.00	$ 157,127.00	$(160,353.00)	**$ 83,826.00**
TOTALS	**$ 202,266.00**	**$ 7,412.00**	**$ 157,127.00**	**$(165,979.00)**	**$ 200,826.00**

INTEREST AND CHARGES COLLECTED	
REAL ESTATE &	$ 108,415.00
MOTOR VEHICLE	$ 28,235.00
TITLE V	$ 678.00
TOTALS	$ 137,328.00

Aprill 11, 2007, the Town borrowed 4.5 million dollars in short-term money to finance the construction of the new Public Safety Building. The interest rate on this borrowing was 4.00 %.

On June 29th, 2007 the Town borrowed $ 557,000 in short-term money finance the following items; Forestry/Highway vehicles, Ambulance, School Roofs, Fire Safety Vehicle and Septic Fields. The interes rate on this borrowing was 3.88 %. The interest rate on this short-term borrowing wes 3.94 %.

I would like to thank the following employees for their dedication to their job; Assistant Treaser Janet Merritt, support staff Maureen Adams and Janice Golder. Their expertise and dedication to excellent customer support is truly appreciated by myself, their co-workers and the citizens of West Bridgewater.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
JOHN G. DUGGAN
Treasurer/Collector

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER
2007 STATISTICS

REGISTERED VOTERS

PRECINCT ONE

Democrat	471
Green-Rainbow	1
Interdependent 3rd Party	0
Libertarian	13
Reform	1
Republican	445
Socialist	1
Timesizing Not Downsizing	1
Unenrolled	1296
Working Families	2
TOTAL	2231

PRECINCT TWO

Democrat	510
Green-Rainbow	1
Interdependent 3rd Party	1
Libertarian	6
Reform	0
Republican	332
Socialist	0
Timesizing Not Downsizing	0
Unenrolled	1244
Working Families	2
TOTAL	2096

TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS – 4327

TOTAL POPULATION
6742
RESIDENCE STATISTICS
2503 Housing Units
199 Vacant

2008 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
April 12, 2008
9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

2008 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
June 9, 2008

2008 STATE PRIMARY ELECTION
September 16, 2008
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

2006 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION
November 4, 2008
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT – 10TH PLYMOUTH DIST.
Christine E. Canavan

SENATORS IN CONGRESS
Edward M. Kennedy
John F. Kerry

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
Stephen F. Lynch

COUNCILLOR – 2ND DISTRICT
Kelly A. Timilty

STATE SENATOR
Brian A. Joyce

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER
ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS
2007

	Term Elected	Expires
MODERATOR		
Marion L. Leonard	2006	2009
TOWN CLERK		
Nancy L. Morrison	2006	2009
SELECTMEN		
Eldon F. Moreira	2005	2008
Jerry D. Lawrence	2006	2009
Matthew P. Albanese	2007	2010
ASSESSORS		
Robert W. Lundin	2005	2008
Cheryl A. Smith	2006	2009
Stephen McCarthy	2007	2010
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY		
Robert Sullivan	2003	2006
Richard P. Adams	2005	2008
George Hardiman	2005	2008
Robert Sullivan	2006	2009
Molly P. Smith	2006	2009
James Moore	2007	2010
Susan Moore	2007	2009
SCHOOL COMMITTEE		
James M. Holden	2005	2008
Annie G. Iannitelli	2006	2009
Maureen E. Sass	2006	2009
Nancy Maloney	2007	2010
Henry C. Bradford III	2007	2010
WATER COMMISSIONERS		
John W. Noyes	2005	2008
Donald G. Asack	2006	2009
David L. Churchill	2007	2010
TREE WARDEN		
Christopher D. Iannitelli	2006	2009

CONSTABLES

Bruce Holmlquist	2007	2010
Walter Thayer	2007	2010

BOARD OF HEALTH

Richard Harris	2007	2008
John F. Cruz	2006	2009
Linda J. Simpson	2007	2010

PLANNING BOARD

Grete Bohannon	2003	2008
Anthony Kinahan	2004	2009
Howard Anderson	2005	2010
Hugh Hurley	2006	2011
Gerald Stetson	2007	2012

HOUSING AUTHORITY

7 Esther Dr

Raymund Rogers	2003	2008
Nancy L. Morrison	2003	2008
Richard J. Freitas	2004	2009
John F. Cruz	2005	2010
Marion L. Leonard	2006	2011

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN

ADMINISTRATOR

Elizabeth D. Faricy

ADA COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

Diane Perry
Eldon Moreira
Leonard Hunt
Marilyn Raleigh
Gloria Hopkins
Denise Lewis
Mary Petrie

ADMINISTRATOR OF INSURANCE

Elizabeth D. Faricy, Administrator
Vacancy

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS

Jeni Mather
George Mather

BOARD OF APPEALS

Armen Amerigian	2003	2008
Fred Hartblay	2006	2008
Lars G. Eliasson	2003	2008
James Henderson	2005	2010
William Lucini	2005	2010
Alternate Members:		
Carolyn Ameno	2006	2008
Tom Snell	2006	2009

BAY CIRCUIT GREEN BELT COMMITTEE

Conservation Commission | Historical Commission

BROCKTON AREA MENTAL HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE

Vacant

BROCKTON AREA RETARDATION REPRESENTATIVE

Vacant

BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Matthew Albanese

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Paul Stringham

BYLAW COMMITTEE

Grete Bohannon
Richard Krugger
Tom Kennedy
Peter Moroni
David Lacy
Wade Estabrooks
Matthew Albanese
William Lucini

ASSISTANT BUILDING INSPECTOR

Vacancy

CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

James C. Lang II	2007	2008
Lamarr Lee	2007	2008
Daniel Moore	2007	2008
Paul Watson	2004	2009
Anastasia Paulos	2007	2009
Jerry Lawrence	2007	2009
Jeff Ryan	2007	2010
Jennifer Clark-Crose	2007	2010
Scott Cray Adhoc Member	2007	

CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

Elizabeth D. Faricy

COMPUTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

John Duggan
Paul Golder
Victor Flaherty
Matthew MacCurtain
John O'Brien
Richard Krugger
Ed Sarro
Patricia Oakley
John Collins
Elizabeth Faricy
Donna Larson
Beth-Roll Smith
Mary Harrington-Graf

CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY

Donna Larson

ASSISTANT CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY

Jacqueline Lee

CONSERVATION AGENT

Vacancy

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Winfield R. Weatherby	2005	2008
Lee Anderson	2005	2008
Kevin Parker	2005	2008
Thomas Tyrell	2006	2009
Paula Bethony	2007	2010

Alternate Members:

Timothy Hay	2007	2008
John J. Connolly, Jr.	2007	2008

COUNCIL ON AGING

Frank Nelson, Jr.	2004	2008
Bruce Holmquist	2004	2008
James McGuigan	2005	2008
Marguerite Morse	2006	2009
S. Erick Benson	2006	2009
Linda Gibson	2006	2009
Virginia Nolan	2006	2009
Anna Brown	2006	2009
Ruth Johnson	2006	2009

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Linda Kurinskas	2005	2008
Kathleen Massey	2006	2008
Vacancy	2007	2008
Vacancy	2007	2008
Vacancy	2007	2008
Vacancy	2007	2008

DRURY BELL COMMITTEE

Matthew Albanese Eldon F. Moreira Jerry D. Lawrence

ELDER SERVICES DIRECTOR

Mary Harrington Graf

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICER

Leonard T. Hunt

ASSISTANT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICER

Ronald P. Snell

FENCE VIEWERS

Joseph Souza Hugh Hurley

FIELD DRIVERS

Howard A. Anderson

FINANCE COMMITTEE – BOARD OF SELECTMEN LIAISON

Elizabeth D. Faricy

FIRE CHIEF

Leonard T. Hunt

FOREST FIRE WARDEN
Leonard T. Hunt

HAZARDOUS WASTE COORDINATOR
Leonard T. Hunt

HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Dana Leonard	Jeanne Russo	Jayson Sylvian
Shawn Anderson	John Duggan	Elizabeth Faricy
Judith Kinney	Russell Regan	

HERITAGE CAPSULE CUSTODIAN

Joan McAndrew	2007	2010
Vacancy		
Vacancy		

HERRING WARDEN

Vacancy	Joseph Souza, Deputy	Vacancy

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Eldon Moreira	2007	2008
Matthew Albanese	2007	2008
Jerry Lawrence	2007	2008
Ann Harrington	2005	2008
Katharine Turner	2005	2008
Joan McAndrew	5005	2008
Ann Marie Sheedy	2006	2009
Robert Bevis	2006	2009

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Matthew Albanese	2004	2008
Thomas Hoisington	2004	2008
Robert DeMarino	2003	2008
Richard A. Toczko	2004	2009
Vacancy	2004	2009
Advisory Committee:		
Leonard Hunt	2005	2010
Vanancy		2010

LOCKUP KEEPER
Bruce Holmquist

MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE
SUB- COMMITTEES
CENTER OF TOWN - MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION -
HOUSING – WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Mary Adams – Maureen Adams – Donna Ames – John Ames – Mark Anderson – Victoria Benea – Mark Bettencourt – Kenneth Bjorklund – Grete Bohannon – Gail & John Burnham – Elizabeth & Philip Calef – David Churchill – John Dantono – Linda Davidson – John DeCosta, Jr. – Emidio DiVirgilio – Lars (Gary) Elliason – Alan & Deborah Gorham – Leonard & Mary Graf – Thomas Green – James Grimmett – Fred Hartblay –Howard Hayward – John Hebshie – Bruce Holmquist – Wilfred Howard – Jack Hughes – Leonard Hunt – Mitchell Hunt – Hugh Hurley – Alexander Iannitelli – Christopher Iannitelli – Gary Keith Richard Krugger – David Lacy – Wayne Legge – William Lucini – Jac MacDonald – Robert Massey – Stephen McCarthy – Ruth Miles – Peter Moroni – Marguerite Morse – Hilary & Paul Murray – Jacqueline Neely – James Noyes – Beth Robinson – Jon Sharkey – Francine Sheedy – Joan & Paul Sheedy – Robert Smith – Glen Turner – Katharine Turner – Warren Turner – William Turner – Christopher & Christine VanGorder – David Wells – Daniel West – Mary Jane White-John Wilson – Edward Zamaitis.

MEMORIAL FIELD COMMITTEE

Vacancy | Michael Feresten | Vacancy

MEMORIAL AND VETERANS DAY COMMITTEE

Bruce Holmquist | Nancy L. Morrison | Richard McMahon
Eldon Moreira | Arthur M. Loughman, Jr. | Robert Kominsky

MOBILE HOME RENT CONTROL BOARD

Richard J. Freitas	2005	2008
Michele Kinahan	2005	2008
Kevin Kelley	2006	2008
Barbara Roulstone	2006	2009

MUNICIPAL BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE

Al Martelli	2005	2008
Marco J. Barrile	2004	2008
Victor Flaherty	2005	2008
Arthur Cabral	2005	2008
James Enos	2006	2009
Beth Roll Smith	2006	2009
Gayle Cipitelli	2007	2009
David Lawson	2006	2009

MASS. BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
Scott Weatherbee

O.C.P.C. AREA AGENCY ON AGING
Marguerite Morse, Delegate
Mary Harrington Graf, Alternate Delegate

OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

Eldon F. Moreira, Delegate	2004	2008

WEST BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC
80 HOWARD ST
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OLD COLONY ELDER SERVICES, INC.
Virginia Nolan, Delegate
Mary Harrington Graf, Alternate Delegate

OLD COLONY JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Thomas Green, Highway Superintendent, Delegate — Matthew Albanese, Alternate

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

Howard W. Hayward	Beth Roll Smith
Hannah Hazlett	Sona S. Hoisington
Dean Hardy	Richard C. Hopkins
John Ames	Julie Amaral
Walter Healy	Cheryl Cambria
Victoria Benea	John Connolly, Jr.
Christopher Iannitelli	Danielle Correia-non voting

PARKING CLERK
Jerry D. Lawrence

PEST CONTROL SUPERINTENDENT

Christopher Iannitelli	2001	2008

PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR
Joseph E. Donovan

ASSISTANT PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR
Edward Cruz

POLICE CHIEF
Donald Clark

PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL DESIGNEE
Eldon F. Moreira

RECYCLING COMMITTEE
John S. Newell, III
Vacancies

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Francis J. Boyd	2006	2009
Nancy L. Morrison	2006	2009
John Cruz	2007	2010
Linda J. Simpson	2008	2011

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURERS
Herbert A. Wolfer

SENIOR SITE BUILDING COMMITTEE

Frank W. Nelson	Mary H Graf	Richard Freitas
Eldon F. Moreira	Bruce Holmquist	Hugh Hurley
Matthew P. Albanese	Albert Salvador	Leonard Hunt

SERVICE MEMBER RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

Robert W. Kominsky
Armen Amerigian
Kevin Conway
Arthur M. Loughman, Jr.

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Paul Meehan
Robert Smith
Walter Thayer
William L. Ferretti
Robert Kominsky
W. Kevin Johnson
Richard Warmington
William Stoddard
Ann M. Savignano

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Thomas C. Green

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING REVIEW BOARD (TIF)

Matthew Albanese
Cheryl Smith
John Duggan
Elizabeth Faricy
Richrd Toczko

TENNIS COURT COMMITTEE

Vacancy
Kevin Kelley
Vacancy

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

John J. O'Brien

TOWN COUNCIL

David Gay, Esq.

TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

Vacancy
Keith Hahl
Christopher Iannitelli
Vacancy

TOWN PARK COMMITTEE

Vacancy
Marian MacDonald
Christopher Werner
Christopher Iannitelli
Jerry Lawrence
Jac MacDonald

TOWN RIVER STUDY COMMITTEE

Christopher Iannitelli
Christopher Cross
Jac MacDonald
Susan Cross

TOWN WEIGHER

Officer Michael Cummings

TREASURER/COLLECTOR

John G. Duggan

VEHICLE MAINTNENANCE SUPERINTENDENT

Leonard Graf III

VETERANS AGENT

Armen Amerigian

WAR MEMORIAL PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Barry Meltzer
Howard Hayward
Marlene Howell
Christopher Iannitelli
Charles Johnson
Jerry D. Lawrence
Vacancy
Eldon Moreira
Gregory Sheedy
Francine Sheedy
Katharine Turner
Vacancy
Vacancy

WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Victoria Benea	Richard Krugger	Emidio DiVirgili (exofficio)
Marguerite Morse \	Thomas Green	Howard Hayward
Jack Hughes	Vacancy	Vacancy
	Vacancy	

WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL
Richard Krugger, Jr.

WIRING INSPECTOR
Kevin S. Greiner

ASSISTANT WIRING INSPECTOR
Albert K. Greiner

WEST BRIDGEWATER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION
Leonard T. Hunt, Director
Donald Clark, Deputy
Bruce Holmquist, Deputy
Ronald Snell, Deputy

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MODERATOR

COMMITTEE TO APPOINT A FINANCE COMMITTEE

Joanna Savage	Marion Loughman	Henry Bishop
	Paul Sheedy	

STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

	Robert L. Kellie	
Vacancy	Vacancy	Vacancy

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Wade Estabrooks	2003	2006
J. Edward Carchidi, DDS	2003	2006
Sandra White	2003	2006
James C. Lang II	2004	2007
Joseph Ritucci	2004	2007
Richard Heath	2004	2007
Pamela Humphreys	2005	2008
Robert L. Smith	2005	2008
Denise Reyes	2006	2009
Jennifer Clark-Crose	2006	2009

MODERATORS COMMITTEE FOR SCHOOL RESTORATION

William Pope	John F. Bottini, Jr.	Sonja Bolmant
Richard Freitas	Warren Sederberg	David Gill
Jeffrey Russell		Victor Flaherty

APPOINTMENTS BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Lee Anderson
Howard A. Anderson

BOARD OF HEALTH PHYSICIAN

Dr. Brian Blanchette

BURIAL AGENTS

Marie Eccles
Nancy L. Morrison
Linda J. Simpson
Bruce Holmquist

APPOINTMENTS BY THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

Richard W. Gibson

DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS

Paul R. Lanoue
Michael D. St.George
Richard W. Gibson
John A. Bartorelli
Paul Golder
James J. Rocha
C. Douglas Hill
David L. Niklason
Allen A. Breer
Gerald E. Stetson
Kenneth J. May
William R. Choate

LICENSE AND PERMIT FEES

The following monies were received in the Town Clerks office and paid to the treasurer:

Building, Plumbing, Gas & Electric permits	$222,441.20
Transfer Station	111,630.00
Fish and Game Fees	436.65
Dog Licenses and fines	7,190.00
Non-criminal Fines	1,315.00
Passport processing fees	13,110.00
Misc. receipts	15,758.33
	$371,188.33
Fish and Wildlife licenses payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.	$ 5,547.25
Total	$376,735.58

FOR THE PROTECTION OF PRIVACY OF WEST BRIDGEWATER RESIDENTS, THE NAMES AND DATES OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES WILL NO LONGER BE INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT.

The total number of births recorded in 2007 was	62
The total number of marriages recorded in 2007 was	40
The total number of deaths recorded in 2007 was	128

Certified copies of vital records are available upon request at the usual fee.
Please call the Town Clerk's Office (508) 894-1200 for further information.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy L. Morrison, Town Clerk

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

APRIL 14, 2007

The Annual Town Election was held at the Spring Street School on Saturday, April 14, 2007. Constable Bruce Holmquist, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws and the by-laws of the town, posted the Warrant, issued by the Board of Selectmen on March 8, 2007.

Specimen ballots, cards of instruction and abstracts of the laws imposing penalties upon voters were posted as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The polls were opened at 9:00 a.m., as required by the by-laws of the town. The voting machines in both precincts were inspected and a zero total was printed out. A total of 2,400 ballots were given to the wardens, Warren Turner and Paul McMahon.

At the close of the polls at 8:00 p.m. the voting machines showed a total of 1,265 votes had been cast.

The following were sworn in as election officials:

Precinct 1: Paul McMahon, Warden; Marion Loughman, Clerk; Barbara Roulstone, Roberta Waite, Roberta Turner, Joan McAndrew, Checkers; Pamela Humphreys, Tally.

Precinct 2: Warren Turner, Warden; Marilyn Raleigh, Clerk; Janet Beaulieu, June Carveth, Pauline Peterson, Sandra Irving; Checkers. Kevin J. Kelley, Tally.

Alison Eldridge and Andrew Upton assisted with setting up and taking down the election equipment.

The election proceeded as follows:

SELECTMAN	Vote for One	# of Votes
Three Years		
Matthew P. Albanese	20 Copper Beech Cir.	821
Richard J. Freitas	295 River St.	430
Write-In		5
Blanks		9

Matthew P. Albanese declared elected

ASSESSORS	Vote for One	
Three Years		
Stephen McCarthy	16 Harvestwood Dr.	672
Kevin W. Kelley	384 Ash St.	498
Write-In		3
Blanks		92

Stephen McCarthy declared elected

SCHOOL COMMITTEE	Vote for Two	
Three Years		
Nancy Maloney	228 Matfield St.	886
William E. McCole III	26 Prospect St.	511
Henry C. Bradford III	22 Brewster Rd	562
Write-In		4
Blanks		567

Nancy Maloney & Henry C. Bradford III declared elected

BOARD OF HEALTH	Vote for One	
Three Years		
Linda J. Simpson	42 South St.	948
Write-In		9
Blanks		308

Linda J. Simpson declared elected

BOARD OF HEALTH	Vote for One	
One Year		
Richard P. Harris	104 N. Elm St.	939
Write-In		7
Blanks		319

Richard P. Harris declared elected

PLANNING BOARD	Vote for One	
Five Years		
Gerald E. Stetson	95 Bryant St.	898
Write-In		7
Blanks		360

Gerald E. Stetson declared elected

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY	Vote for Two	
Three Years		
Susan I. Moore	450 East St.	913
James E. Moore	450 East St.	807
Write-In		9
Blanks		801

Susan I. Moore & James E. Moore declared elected

WATER COMMISSIONER	Vote for One	
Three Years		
David L. Churchill	382 East St	960
Write-In		1
Blanks		304

David L. Churchill declared elected

CONSTABLE	Vote for Two	
Three Years		
Bruce L. Holmquist	99 Bryant St.	1011
Walter L. Thayer, Jr.	3 Mile Brook Rd	840
Write-In		3
Blanks		676

Bruce L. Holmquist & Walter L. Thayer declared elected

A true copy, Attest: Nancy L. Morrison

Nancy L. Morrison, Town Clerk

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
WARRANT ARTICLES

Monday, June 11, 2007 – 7:00 PM
West Bridgewater Junior/Senior High School Gymnasium

A meeting of which the inhabitants of the town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs were notified by warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen and posted by Constable Walter Thayer on May 31, 2007.

Moderator Marion L. Leonard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Dr. Carol Ashton of The First Church gave the invocation. The Boy Scouts from Troop 25 presented the colors and lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Samantha Asker, Sue-Ellen Duffy, Angelina Hill and Megan McNally sang the Star Spangled Banner.

With 206 qualified voters and 21 guests the meeting proceeded as follows:

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN CONSIDER ARTICLES 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8 AND 9 AS PRINTED ON THE WARRANT, AS A SINGLE "CONSENT" ARTICLE WITH:**

The upper limit on Article 5 established at $40,000;
The upper limit on Article 6 established at $28,000;
The upper limit on Article 7 established at $4,000;
The upper limit on Article 8 established at $12,000;
The upper limit on Article 9 established at $64,000.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion to recess for Special Town Meeting at 7:10 p.m.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Annual Town Meeting resumed at 8:33 p.m.

*Article 1: To hear reports of all Town Officers and act thereon.

MOVE: **THAT THE REPORTS OF ALL TOWN OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN THE 2006 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract or contracts with the Massachusetts Department of Public Works for the construction and maintenance of public highways for the fiscal year, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS WITH THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC HIGHWAYS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2007.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to determine the salaries of the following elected Town Officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007:

Moderator
Board of Selectmen
Town Clerk
Board of Health
Tree Warden
Board of Assessors
Water Commissioners

The following officers to serve without pay:

Library Trustees
Planning Board
School Committee

Or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO DETERMINE THE SALARIES OF THE FOLLOWING ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2007.

MODERATOR	**$ 338**	**TREE WARDEN**	**$1,620**
BOARD OF SELECTMEN	**$10.375**	**BOARD OF ASSESSORS**	**$10,539**
TOWN CLERK	**$54,858**	**WATER COMMISSIONERS**	**$7,295**
BOARD OF HEALTH	**$ 2,577**		

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 4: To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007 and to make appropriations for the same, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $20,765,204 FOR THE MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT OF THE SEVERAL DEPARTMENTS OF THE TOWN AND OTHER USUAL OR NECESSARY TOWN CHARGES AS HEREIN SPECIFIED AND REQUESTED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2007 FOR THE PURPOSES HEREIN DESCRIBED AND FURTHER THAT THE SUM OF $19,170,448 BE RAISED AND APPROPRIATED AND THE SUM OF $1,594,756 BE TRANSFERRED AS FOLLOWS:**

From Estimated Water Revenues to:	**Water Department (4500)**	**1,208,256**	
From Emergency Medical Services Receipts to:	**Fire Department (2200)**	**380,000**	
From Conservation Wetland Protection Fund to:	**Conservation Commission (1710)**	**6,500**	
		TOTAL:	**1,594,756**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging Supportive Care Program to be used by the Council on Aging for expenses needed to run said program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of $40,000 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE, AS PROVIDED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, THE RETENTION OF REVENUE GENERATED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER COUNCIL ON AGING SOCIAL DAY CARE PROGRAM TO BE USED BY THE COUNCIL ON AGING FOR EXPENSES NEEDED TO RUN SAID PROGRAM ON A YEAR-ROUND BASIS AND TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND FOR SUCH PURPOSE FROM WHICH THE DIRECTOR OF ELDER SERVICES WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE EXPENDITURES AND WHICH SHALL HAVE AS AN ANNUAL UPPER LIMIT AN AMOUNT OF $40,000 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging's Nutrition Program to be used by the Council to purchase supplies needed to run the program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of $28,000 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE, AS PROVIDED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, THE RETENTION OF REVENUE GENERATED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER COUNCIL ON AGING'S NUTRITION PROGRAM TO BE USED BY THE COUNCIL TO PURCHASE SUPPLIES NEEDED TO RUN THE PROGRAM ON A YEAR-ROUND BASIS AND TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND FOR SUCH PURPOSE FROM WHICH THE DIRECTOR OF ELDER SERVICES WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE EXPENDITURES AND WHICH SHALL HAVE AS AN ANNUAL UPPER LIMIT AN AMOUNT OF $28,000 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize as provided in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging's Transportation Program to be used by the Council to pay necessary expenses to run the program on a year round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make these expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of $4,000 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE AS PROVIDED IN MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, THE RETENTION OF REVENUE GENERATED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER COUNCIL ON AGING'S TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM TO BE USED BY THE COUNCIL TO PAY NECESSARY EXPENSES TO RUN THE PROGRAM ON A YEAR ROUND BASIS AND TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND FOR SUCH PURPOSE FROM WHICH THE DIRECTOR OF ELDER SERVICES WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE THESE EXPENDITURES AND WHICH SHALL HAVE AS AN ANNUAL UPPER LIMIT AN AMOUNT OF $4,000 UNLESS**

THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of fines and fees collected by the West Bridgewater Public Library to be used for the purpose of books and materials for said Library and to establish a revolving fund for such a purpose from which the Library Director will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit request in FY08 of $12,000 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE, AS PROVIDED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, THE RETENTION OF FINES AND FEES COLLECTED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF GENERAL LIBRARY EXPENSES FOR SAID LIBRARY AND TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND FOR SUCH A PURPOSE FROM WHICH THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE EXPENDITURES AND WHICH SHALL HAVE AS AN ANNUAL UPPER LIMIT REQUEST IN FY 2008 OF $12,000 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Public Schools' Preschool Program, to be used by the preschool for expenses needed to run said program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the School Committee will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of $64,000 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE, AS PROVIDED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, THE RETENTION OF REVENUE GENERATED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC SCHOOLS' PRESCHOOL PROGRAM TO BE USED BY THE PRESCHOOL FOR EXPENSES NEEDED TO RUN SAID PROGRAM ON A YEAR-ROUND BASIS AND WHICH SHALL HAVE AS AN ANNUAL UPPER LIMIT AN AMOUNT OF $64,000**

UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 4 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986 and to further accept the provisions of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988, which will grant a percentage increase to real estate tax exemptions to persons who are otherwise qualified for such exemptions, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 4 OF CHAPTER 73 OF THE ACTS OF 1986 AND TO FURTHER ACCEPT THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 126 OF THE ACTS OF 1988 WHICH WILL GRANT A PERCENTAGE INCREASE TO REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTIONS TO PERSONS WHO ARE OTHERWISE QUALIFIED FOR SUCH EXEMPTIONS AND FURTHER TO INCREASE THE REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION TO PERSONS SO QUALIFIED BY 25% FOR FY2008.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to reduce the rate of interest that accrues on property taxes deferred by eligible seniors under M.G.L. c. 59 sec. 5, Clause 41A, from 8% to 4% with such reduced rate to apply to taxes assessed for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2007 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO REDUCE THE RATE OF INTEREST THAT ACCRUES ON PROPERTY TAXES DEFERRED BY ELIGIBLE SENIORS UNDER MGL CHAPTER 59 SECTION 5, CLAUSE 41A, FROM 8% TO 4% WITH SUCH REDUCED RATE TO APPLY TO TAXES ASSESSED FOR ANY FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2007.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 12: To see if the Town will accept Sections 3 and 7, inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, otherwise known as the Community Preservation Act, by approving a surcharge on real property for the purposes permitted by said Act, including the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space, the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources, the acquisition, creation and preservation of land for recreational use, the acquisition, creation and preservation and support of

community housing, and the rehabilitation and restoration of such open space land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created as provided under said Act; to determine the amount of such surcharge on real property as a percentage of the annual real estate tax levy against real property and the fiscal year in which such surcharge shall commence; to determine whether the Town will accept any of the exemptions from such surcharge permitted under Section 3(e) of said Act; or take any other action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ACCEPT SECTIONS 3 AND 7, INCLUSIVE OF CHAPTER 44B OF THE GENERAL LAWS, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE MASSACHUSETTS COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT, BY APPROVING A SURCHARGE ON REAL PROPERTY FOR THE PURPOSES PERMITTED BY SAID ACT, INCLUDING THE ACQUISITION, CREATION AND PRESERVATION OF OPEN SPACE, THE ACQUISITION, PRESERVATION, REHABILITATION AND RESTORATION OF HISTORIC RESOURCES, THE ACQUISITION, CREATION AND PRESERVATION OF LAND FOR RECREATIONAL USE, THE ACQUISITION, CREATION AND PRESERVATION AND SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY HOUSING, AND THE REHABILITATION AND RESTORATION OF SUCH OPEN SPACE LAND FOR RECREATIONAL USE AND COMMUNITY HOUSING THAT IS ACQUIRED OR CREATED AS PROVIDED UNDER SAID ACT; THAT THE AMOUNT OF SUCH SURCHARGE ON REAL PROPERTY SHALL BE 1% OF THE ANNUAL REAL ESTATE TAX LEVY AGAINST REAL PROPERTY COMMENCING IN FISCAL YEAR 2009; AND THAT THE TOWN HEREBY ACCEPTS THE FOLLOWING EXEMPTION(S) FROM SUCH SURCHARGE PERMITTED UNDER SECTION 3(e) OF SAID ACT; (PROPERTY OWNED AN OCCUPIED AS A DOMICILE BY ANY PERSON WHO QUALIFIES FOR LOW INCOME HOUSING OR LOW OR MODERATE INCOME SENIOR HOUSING IN THE TOWN, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 2 OF SAID ACT). ($100,000 OF THE VALUE OF EACH TAXABLE PARCEL OF RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY).**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen as the Town's match for a federal grant for Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus for the Fire Department or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $13,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AS THE TOWN'S MATCH FOR A FEDERAL GRANT FOR SELF-CONTAINED BREATHING APPARATUS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase and equip one new police cruiser for the Police Department and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of one older cruiser in the best interest of the Town, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $31,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PURCHASE AND EQUIP ONE NEW POLICE CRUISER FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO DISPOSE OF ONE OLDER CRUISER IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the School Committee to purchase textbooks and media materials for the West Bridgewater High School Library in accordance with NEASC requirements or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $25,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO PURCHASE TEXTBOOKS AND MEDIA MATERIALS FOR THE WEST BRIDGEWATER HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY IN ACCORDANCE WITH NEASC REQUIREMENTS.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the School Committee to purchase a new Phone System for the High School or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF $35,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO PURCHASE A NEW PHONE SYSTEM FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase a new or refurbished copier machine for the Police Department, and to dispose of the presently used copier in the best interest of the Town, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE $3,800 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PURCHASE A NEW OR REFURBISHED COPIER MACHINE FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND TO DISPOSE OF THE PRESENTLY USED COPIER IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to fund municipal building repairs approved by the Municipal Building Needs Committee or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $15,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO FUND MUNICIPAL BUILDING REPAIRS APPROVED BY THE MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS NEEDS COMMITTEE.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to upgrade the Town Government Network Infrastructure for both the School and the Town or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN BORROW THE SUM OF $200,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO UPGRADE THE TOWN GOVERNMENT NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE FOR BOTH THE SCHOOL AND THE TOWN.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase a generator for the Senior Center or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF $30,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PURCHASE A GENERATOR FOR THE SENIOR CENTER.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase and equip a new vehicle for the Fire Chief and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of one older vehicle in the best interest of the Town, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF $37,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PURCHASE AND EQUIP A NEW VEHICLE FOR THE FIRE CHIEF AND TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO DISPOSE OF ONE OLDER VEHICLE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY DECLARED 2/3 MAJORITY

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase a new 72 inch Kabota Mower for the Forestry Department or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF $15,900 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PURCHASE A NEW 72 INCH KABOTA OR SIMILAR MOWER FOR THE FORESTRY DEPARTMENT.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to begin to fund the necessary engineering and design work to restore the stone work in the Town Memorial Park and/or to use such funds as the Town's match for available grants or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF $20,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO BEGIN TO FUND THE NECESSARY ENGINEERING AND DESIGN WORK TO RESTORE THE STONE WORK IN THE TOWN MEMORIAL PARK AND/OR TO USE SUCH FUNDS AS THE TOWN'S MATCH FOR AVAILABLE GRANTS.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase a new Roadside Mower for the Highway Department or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF $30,577 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PURCHASE A NEW ROADSIDE MOWER FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Library Trustees to clean and patch the Dryvit system on the exterior library walls or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF $15,550 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES TO CLEAN AND PATCH THE DRYVIT SYSTEM ON THE EXTERIOR LIBRARY WALLS.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase a new Service Truck with plow for the Vehicle Maintenance Superintendent and dispose of the present vehicle in the best interest of the Town or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF $42,500 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PURCHASE A NEW SERVICE TRUCK WITH PLOW FOR THE VEHICLE MAINTENANCE SUPERINTENDENT AND DISPOSE OF THE PRESENT VEHICLE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to purchase water meters and related meter reading equipment or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM WATER SURPLUS THE SUM OF $20,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE WATER COMMISSIONERS TO PURCHASE WATER METERS AND RELATED METER READING EQUIPMENT.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to purchase a mini-excavator or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM WATER SURPLUS THE SUM OF $25,000 AND TO BORROW THE SUM OF $35,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE WATER COMMISSIONERS TO PURCHASE A MINI-EXCAVATOR.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to paint the Department's Water Tanks or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM WATER SURPLUS THE SUM OF $25,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE WATER COMMISSIONERS TO BE EARMARKED FOR A PROJECT KNOWN AS WATER TANK PAINTING.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 30: To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 10:15 P.M.

A true copy, Attest: Nancy L. Morrison

Nancy L. Morrison, Town Clerk, CMC, CMMC

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
WARRANT ARTICLES
MAY 14, 2007 -7 PM
WEST BRIDGEWATER JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH AUDITORIUM

A meeting of which the inhabitants of the Town qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs were notified by warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen and posted by Constable Walter Thayer on April 30, 2007.

Moderator Marion L. Leonard called the meting to order at 7:00 p.m. With 147 qualified voters and 19 guests, the meeting proceeded as follows:

Art. 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay old bills or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH $1,907.23 TO PAY AN OLD BILL TO SOUTH SHORE GENERATOR.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Art. 2. To see if the Town will rezone from General Residential Farming (GRF) to Industrial (I) the following parcels of land on Manley Street to be consistent with the Goals and Objectives of the Town's 2000 Master Plan Mission Statement and Strategies Outline: Assessors' Map 3, Lots 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20 for a total of 68.3 Acres or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO REZONE FROM GENERAL RESIDENTIAL FARMING (GRF) TO INDUSTRIAL (I) THE FOLLOWING PARCELS OF LAND ON MANLEY STREET TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE TOWN'S 2000 MASTER PLAN MISSION STATEMENT AND STRATEGIES OUTLINE: ASSESSORS' MAP 3, LOTS 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20 FOR A TOTAL OF 68.3 ACRES.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION WAS DEFEATED: YES-27, NO-84.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will rezone from General Residential Farming (GRF) to Business (B) the following parcel of land on Lincoln Street to be consistent with the Goals and Objectives of the Town's 2000 Master Plan Mission Statement and Strategies Outline: Assessors' Map 34, Lot 61 – a total of 72.81 acres or take any action thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO REZONE FROM GENERAL RESIDENTIAL FARMING (GRF) TO BUSINESS (B) THE FOLLOWING PARCEL OF LAND ON LINCOLN STREET TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE TOWN'S 2000 MASTER PLAN MISSION STATEMENT AND STRATEGIES OUTLINE: ASSESSORS' MAP 43, LOT 61 – A TOTAL OF 72.81 ACRES.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION WAS DEFEATED: YES-50, NO-82.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the remaining balance of increases of the three-year contract for the Police Association in FY07 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER THE SUM OF $6,755 FROM BUDGET NO. 3200-SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL AND $30,745 FROM FREE CASH TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET NO. 2100, TO FUND THE REMAINING BALANCES OF INCREASES OF THE THREE-YEAR CONTRACT FOR THE POLICE ASSOCIATION IN FY07.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to cover overtime expenses in the "Fire Department" (2200) Budget for FY07 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $37,000 TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT BUDGET NO. 2200 TO COVER OVERTIME EXPENSES FOR FY07.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase and equip one new police cruiser for the Police Department and to authorize the Selectmen to dispose of one older cruiser in the best interest of the Town, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $31,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PURCHASE AND EQUIP ONE NEW POLICE CRUISER FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE SELECTMEN TO DISPOSE OF ONE OLDER CRUISER IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote of the Town, passed June 12, 2006 (Article 22) which vote appropriated and authorized a borrowing of $600,000 to acquire architectural and engineering design plans to repair/replace the roofs at the Rose L. MacDonald School, to provide that such design plans could relate to other Town Schools, as well as the Rose L. MacDonald School, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AMEND THE VOTE OF THE TOWN, PASSED JUNE 12, 2006 (ARTICLE 22) WHICH VOTE APPROPRIATED AND AUTHORIZED A BORROWING OF $600,000 TO ACQUIRE ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING DESIGN PLANS TO REPAIR/REPLACE THE ROOFS AT THE ROSE L. MACDONALD SCHOOL, TO PROVIDE THAT SUCH DESIGN PLANS COULD RELATE TO OTHER TOWN SCHOOLS, AS WELL AS THE ROSE L. MACDONALD SCHOOL.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the School Committee to make the necessary repairs to the Energy Management System (EMS) at the Junior/Senior High School or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF $50,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO MAKE THE NECESSARY REPAIRS TO THE ENERGY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (EMS) AT THE JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will vote to borrow a sum of money in anticipation of reimbursement to meet the Town's share of the cost of work for State Aid Construction and Maintenance or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF $226,153 IN ANTICIPATION OF REIMBURSEMENT TO MEET THE TOWN'S SHARE OF THE COST OF WORK FOR STATE AID CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE AS AUTHORIZED AS THE TOWN'S APPORTIONMENT OF CHAPTER 90 LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AID FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will authorize but not direct the Selectmen to grant to Aquaria Water LLC, a water public utility, upon such terms and conditions and with such documentation as the Selectmen deem necessary or appropriate to protect the Town's best interests, a long-term license to construct, operate and maintain a portion of a 20-inch diameter pressurized water main within the public right of way of Turnpike Street all as more particularly shown on engineering plans and specifications entitled "Water Transmission Pipeline, prepared by Metcalf & Eddy, dated April 6, 2006, last revised June 27, 2006, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Highway Superintendent, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE SELECTMEN TO GRANT TO AQUARIA WATER LLC, A WATER PUBLIC UTILITY, UPON SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND WITH SUCH DOCUMENTATION AS THE SELECTMEN DEEM NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO PROTECT THE TOWN'S BEST INTERESTS, A LONG-TERM LICENSE TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A PORTION OF A 20-INCH DIAMETER PRESSURIZED WATER MAIN WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY OF TURNPIKE STREET ALL AS MORE PARTICULARLY SHOWN ON ENGINEERING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS ENTITLED "WATER TRANSMISSION PIPELINE, PREPARED BY METCALF & EDDY, DATED APRIL 6, 2006, LAST REVISED JUNE 27, 2006, A COPY OF WHICH IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will authorize but not direct the Selectmen to grant to Mirrione Realty Co., Inc., developer of an Adult Retirement Community on Walnut Street, upon such terms and conditions and with such documentation as the Selectmen deem necessary or appropriate to protect the town's best interests, an easement to construct, operate and maintain a 960+/-foot 6 (six)- inch sewer force main line within the public right of way on Walnut Street all as more particularly shown on engineering plans and specifications entitled Sewer and Water Extension Plan "Walnut Grove" – Definitive Subdivision and dated 9/29/06, a copy of which is on file in the office of the Highway Superintendent or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE SELECTMEN TO GRANT TO WALNUT GROVE REALTY TRUST, DEVELOPER OF AN ADULT RETIREMENT COMMUNITY ON WALNUT STREET, UPON SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS AND WITH SUCH DOCUMENTATION AS THE SELECTMEN DEEM NECESSARY OR APPROPRIATE TO PROTECT THE TOWN'S BEST INTERESTS, AN EASEMENT TO CONSTRUCT, OPERATE AND MAINTAIN A 2050 FOOT +/- SIX – (6) – INCH SEWER FORCE MAIN LINE WITHIN THE PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY ON WALNUT STREET AND MANLEY STREET ALL AS MORE PARTICULARLY SHOWN ON ENGINEERING PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS ENTITLED SEWER AND WATER EXTENSION PLAN "WALNUT GROVE" – DEFINITIVE SUBDIVISION AND DATED 9/29/06 A COPY OF WHICH IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY MAJORITY.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to establish a new set of fees for sealing, weighing and measuring devices as listed below:

Fee Schedules – Department of Weights and Measures

Scales and Balances	**PRESENT**	**PROPOSED**
Over 10,000 pounds	$100.00	SAME
5,000 to 10,000 pounds	70.00	75.00
1,000 to 5,000 pounds	50.00	60.00
100 to 1,000 pounds	25.00	30.00
10 to 100 pounds	15.00	18.00
Under 10 pounds	10.00	12.00
Weights		
Avoirdupois	2.00	SAME
Metric	2.00	SAME
Apothecary	2.00	SAME
Troy	2.00	SAME
Weight Sets	10.00	SAME
Capacity Measures		
Vehicle Tanks		
Each Indicator	$ 10.00	SAME
Each 100 Gallons or fraction	$ 5.00	SAME
Liquid		
1 Gallon or Less	2.00	SAME
More than 1 Gallon	3.00	SAME
Liquid		
Inlet ½ inch or less Oil, Grease	$ 8.00	10.00
Inlet more than ½ to 1 inch Gasoline or Diesel Fuel	$18.00	20.00
Inlet more than 1 inch Vehicle Tank Pump	$35.00	SAME
Vehicle Tank Gravity	$35.00	SAME

Bulk Storage	$60.00	SAME
Company Supplies Prover	$30.00	SAME
Pumps		
Each Stop on Pump	$ 2.50	SAME
Other Devices		
Taxi Meters	$20.00	SAME
Odometer – Hubodometer	$20.00	SAME
Leather Measuring (Semi-An.)	$10.00	SAME
Fabric Measuring	$10.00	SAME
Wire – Rope – Cordage	$10.00	SAME
Container Redemption Mach.	$10.00	SAME
Linear Measures		
Yard Sticks	2.00	SAME
Metal Rules	2.00	SAME
Tapes	3.00	SAME
Scanner System		
(Chapter 295, Acts of 1998, General Laws of the Commonwealth)The following have already been approved by vote of the Town.		
1 to 3 Scanners	75.00	SAME
4 to 11 Scanners	150.00	SAME
12 or more Scanners	250.00	SAME
Additional Fees		
Re—Inspection Fee	20.00	SAME
Adjustment or Repair Fee	10.00	SAME

Or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ESTABLISH A NEW SET OF FEES FOR SEALING, WEIGHING AND MEASURING DEVICES AS LISTED ON THE WARRANT.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to accept a parcel of land approximately 11.62 Acres from Shaw's Realty Trust bordered by North Main Street and East Street and further bounded and described as follows:

ALL THAT PARCEL of land situated in the Town of West Bridgewater, County of Plymouth and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, designated Parcel MA-D100-37-9 (West) on a plan of survey entitled "Plan of land in West Bridgewater, Massachusetts prepared for Penn Central Corporation", made by C. A. Pickering Associates, Inc., Civil Engineers – Land Surveyors, dated October 26, 1981, bounded and described according to said plan as follows, VIZ:

BEGINNING at a concrete bound set in the easterly line of North Main Street at the southwest corner of land of Phyllis M. Downs and about 550 feet northerly of the intersection of Howard Street in the Town of West Bridgewater, Massachusetts;

THENCE, North 62 degrees 31 minutes 53 seconds East by land of said Downs, Charles Leonard, Brockton Edison Company and Robert A. and Margaret Berry 3282.17 feet to a concrete bound set at an angle point in the line of Berry;

THENCE, North 06 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East by land of Berry 21.31 feet to an iron pipe and land of Daniel Dearing;

THENCE, South 75 degrees 18 minutes 34 seconds East, by land of said Dearing 26.48 feet to an iron pipe set at an angel point;

THENCE, North 62 degrees 31 minutes53 seconds East, continuing by land of said Dearing, Town of West Bridgewater, Harold and David Sigren, and Fred Sigren, 1276.23 feet to a stone bound and a corner;

THENCE, North 07 degrees 18 minutes 06 seconds West, by land of Fred Sigren, 17.58 feet to a stone bound for a corner at land of Joseph P. and Rena L. Zenavich;

THENCE, North 62 degrees 31 minutes 53 seconds East, by land of said Zenavich, 518.47 feet to a concrete bound set in the westerly line of East Street, the following two courses and distances being along said Westerly line of East Street (1929 County Layout – 50 feetwide); (1) Southeastwardly by a curve to the left having a radius of 1080.00 feet, the chord of which bears South 45 degrees 31 minutes 06 seconds East for a length of 113.83 feet, an arc distance of 113.88 feet to a point of tangency and (2) South 42 degrees 29 minutes 51 seconds East 7.53 feet to a concrete bound set in the westerly line of East Street at the northeast corner of land of Frank E. and Evelyn D. Parker;

THENCE, South 62 degrees 31 minutes 53 seconds West, by land of said Parker, 598.11 feet to a stone bound for a corner and other land of Harold and David Sigren;

THENCE, North 07 degrees 18 minutes 06 seconds West by land of said Sigren, 17.58 feet to a stone bound and a corner;

THENCE, South 62 degrees 31 minutes 53 seconds West, by land of said Sigren and land of R. F. Owens Co., Inc., 1331.86 feet to a concrete bound for a corner;

THENCE, South 06 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West, by land of R. F. Owens Co., Inc., 250.00 feet to a corner;

THENCE, South 84 degrees 17 minutes 12 seconds West by land of R. F. Owens Co., Inc., 404.24 feet to a corner;

THENCE, North 08 degrees 44 minutes 33 seconds West, by land of R. F. Owens Co., Inc. 62.00 feet to a concrete bound and corner;

THENCE, South 62 degrees 31 minutes 53 seconds West, by land of R. F. Owens Co., Inc., Brockton Edison Company, R. F. Owens Co., Inc., Charles Leonard, Town of West Bridgewater and the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston, 2474.24 feet to a concrete bound set; thence South 65 degrees 24 minutes 52 seconds West, continuing by land of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Boston, 301.09 feet to a concrete bound set in the east line of North Main Street (1926 State Highway Layout);

THENCE, Northeastwardly along said East line by a curve to the right having a radius of 584.85 feet, the chord of which bears North 03 degrees 41 minutes 20 seconds East for a length of 78.72 feet, and arc distance of 78.78 feet to a concrete bound, being the point of beginning.

CONTAINING 11.618 acres, more or less.

EXCEPTING AND RESERVING, however, to Grantor, the right to convey to Brockton Edison Company, its successors and assigns, without securing approval of the Grantee herein, an easement for overhead electric transmission line purposes. Said easement to be the extension Northwardly of the existing rights-of-way of said Brockton Edison Company on land now or formerly of R. F. Owens Co., Inc. as shown on the above recited plan.

SUBJECT, however, to the state of facts disclosed by the survey hereinabove mentioned.

THIS DEED, is delivered by Grantor and accepted by Grantee upon the understanding and agreement that should any claim adverse to the title hereby granted and released be asserted and/or proved, no recourse shall be had against the Grantor.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ACCEPT A PARCEL OF LAND APPROXIMATELY 11.62 ACRES FROM SHAW'S REALTY TRUST BORDERED BY NORTH MAIN STREET AND EAST STREET AND FURTHER BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS PRINTED ON THE WARRANT.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to accept a donation of a parcel of land from West Bridgewater LLC located at 750 West Center Street, bounded and described as follows:

That certain parcel of land with buildings and improvements thereon, if any, situated in West Bridgewater in the County of Plymouth being shown as Lot #5 on a plan of land entitled "ANR Plan of Land #750 West Center Street in West Bridgewater, Massachusetts, dated October 30, 2006 last revised November 8, 2006, by Daylor Consulting Group, Inc. Ten Forbes Road, Braintree, MA 02184". Said plan being recorded with the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds at Plan Book 52, Page 546. Said parcel #5 containing approximately 253 square feet. Reference is made to the plan for a more detailed description of said parcel.

Said parcel being conveyed to the Grantee for purposes of road widening and associated improvements to Route 106 (W. Center Street, W. Bridgewater, MA) for Grantors title see Deed dated December 1, 2006 and recorded at the Plymouth County Registry of Feeds at Book 33779, Page 67.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF A PARCEL OF LAND FROM WEST BRIDGEWATER 106LLC LOCATED AT 750 WEST CENTER STREET, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS PRINTED ON THE WARRANT.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to accept a donation for a parcel of land from West Bridgewater 206 LLC, located at 750 West Center Street bounded and described as follows:

Those two certain parcels of land with buildings and improvements thereon, if any, situated in West Bridgewater in the County of Plymouth being shown as Lot #6, and #7, on a plan of land entitled "ANR Plan of Land #750 West Center Street in West Bridgewater, Massachusetts, dated October 30, 2006 last revised November 8, 2006, by Daylor Consulting Group, Inc. Ten Forbes Road, Braintree, MA 02184". Said plan being recorded with the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds at Plan Book 52, page 546. Said Lot #6 containing 3,135 square feet and Lot #7 containing 87 square feet. Reference is made to the plan for a more detailed description of each lot.

Said lots being conveyed to the Grantee for purposes of road widening and associated improvements to Route 106 (W. Center Street, W. Bridgewater, MA). For Grantors title see Deed dated September 6, 2000 and recorded at the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds at Book 18861, Page 145.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ACCEPT A DONATION FOR TWO PARCELS OF LAND FROM JOHN F. BOYD AND JOHN P. BREEDLOVE, TRUSTEES OF SHAW'S REALTY TRUST, LOCATED AT 750 WEST CENTER STREET BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS PRINTED ON THE WARRANT.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Art. 16. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:10 P.M. PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A true copy, Attest: Nancy L. Morrison

Nancy L. Morrison, Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 11, 2007 – 7:15 PM
WEST BRIDGEWATER MIDDLE/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
GYMNASIUM

Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay old bills or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWNVOTE TO TRANSFER FROM THE BENEFITS BUDGET (9100) THE SUM OF $3,990 TO PAY AN OLD BILL.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to provide for committed expenditures through June 30, 2007 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS THE SUM OF $150,500 TO PROVIDE FOR COMMITTED EXPENDITURES THROUGH June 30, 2007:**

FROM:

Dept. Number	*Department*	*Amount*
	Free Cash	$ 2,272
1350	Finance Committee Reserve	9,582
1560	Cable TV	1,036
1710	Conservation Commission	3,000
1930	Insurances	2,600
1950	Wastewater Treatment	7,300
2920	Dog Officer	4,000
4330	Solid Waste	1,500
6910	Historical Commission	900
7520	Short Term Debt	18,500
9100	Benefits Budget	89,810
	Insurance Restitution	10,000
	Subtotal:	**$ 150,500**

TO:

Dept. Number	*Department*	*Amount*
1510	Town Counsel	$ 9,000
2100	Police	100,000
2200	Fire	33,500
4220	DPW Supplies	2,500
4240	Street Lighting	5,500
	Subtotal:	**$ 150,500**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of West Bridgewater's Zoning By-Laws by inserting a new Section 8.6 called "Cottage Housing Development" as follows:

8.6 Cottage Housing Development (CHD)

A. The purposes of this section are:

1. To provide a housing type that responds to changing household sizes and targets empty nesters, young couples, and single professionals.
2. To provide opportunities for ownership of small detached dwelling units within a single family neighborhood.
3. To create innovative land plans to gain an affordability advantage that is consistent with West Bridgewater Master Plan.
4. To retain and enhance West Bridgewater=s strong residential character, foster strong neighborhoods, expand the range of options for detached housing and enhance affordability.
5. To encourage creation of more useable open space for the residents of the cottage housing development through flexibility in density.
6. To provide guidelines to ensure compatibility with surrounding land uses.
7. To provide infill housing options in areas of West Bridgewater within a reasonable proximity to major travel ways, retail locations and business locations.
8. To provide an alternative land use not presently available in the Town of West Bridgewater resulting in a development that is the highest and best use of the subject parcel.

B. Special Permit: In a General Residential and Farming District or Business District, the Planning Board may grant a Special Permit for a Cottage Housing Development (CHD) as an alternative to conventional single family residential uses or other allowed uses. Subdivision approval pursuant to Chapter 41 MGL is not required.

C. Type of Households.

As set forth in Section 8.6(A), Cottage Housing Developments are intended for households with a limited number of members. Therefore, the following requirements apply:

1. No CHD dwelling unit shall contain more than two bedrooms.
2. No CHD dwelling unit shall contain more than one bedroom on the second floor.
3. Community facilities and recreational amenities, if any, shall be orientated toward an adult population and shall not include playgrounds.
4. No CHD dwelling unit shall contain a basement or attached garage.
5. CHD's in the Town of West Bridgewater shall be separated from each other by a minimum of 1, 500 feet.

D. Cottage Housing Development Architectural Design Standards

A plan prepared by a registered architect or other qualified residential designer depicting representative elevations and floor plans of a CHD dwelling unit shall be submitted to the Planning Board at the time of submission of the CHD special permit application. The design of all CHD dwelling units shall include the following features which shall be depicted on the plans submitted to the Planning Board:

1. All CHD dwelling units shall contain a front porch consisting of a minimum of 80 square feet.
2. All CHD dwelling units shall contain roofs with exposed rafter tails.
3. All CHD dwelling units shall contain a roof on the main section of the house with a minimum slope of eight inches to twelve inches.
4. All CHD dwelling units shall contain uniform and consistent windows, exterior doors, exterior trim, exterior siding and exterior light fixtures.
5. All CHD dwelling units shall contain architectural roof shingles or wood roof shingles.
6. All CHD dwelling units shall contain rake boards that extend away from the face of the wall by a minimum of six (6) inches.
7. All CHD dwelling units shall contain exterior porch rails, fences and decorative walls of a design native to New England.
8. Walkways must be poured concrete, brick or other similar product and may not be asphalt.

E. Cottage Housing Development Landscape Design Standards

A detailed plan prepared by a registered landscape architect depicting proposed landscaping of the Common Land shall be submitted to the Planning Board at the time of submission of the CHD special permit application. Planting design shall

provide for adequate buffer from all abutting properties. Trees shall be planted in hierarchies of street, shade and under-story. Shrubs shall be used to delineate various use areas and buffer private areas from common areas. The organization of the planting shall reinforce the architectural structure of the community and provide amenities of shade, buffer and color, both Spring and Fall. The following shall be contained in all landscape designs.

1. There shall be a minimum of two (2) shade trees installed within the Common Land for every one CHD dwelling unit. Each shade tree shall be a minimum 4 inch caliper and a minimum sixteen (16) feet in height.
2. There shall be two (2) flowering trees installed within the Common Land for every one CHD dwelling unit. Each flowering tree shall be a minimum two and one half (2 ½) inch caliper.
3. There shall be a minimum of three (3) evergreen trees installed within the Common Land for every one CHD dwelling unit. All evergreen trees shall be a minimum of eight (8) feet in height, full and bushy.
4. There shall be a minimum of four (4) large shrubs (rhododendron, forsythia, etc.) installed within the Common Land for every one CHD dwelling unit. Large shrubs shall be a minimum three and one half (3 ½) feet in height.
5. There shall be a minimum of four (4) small shrubs (azalea, cotoneaster, holly, etc.) installed within the Common Land for every one CHD dwelling unit. Small shrubs shall be planted at fifty (50) percent of their mature size or two and one half (2 ½) feet minimum spread.
6. Groundcovers shall be two (2) year minimum, either pots or flats.
7. There shall be a minimum of ten (10) perennial flowers installed within the Common Land for every one CHD dwelling unit. Perennial flowers shall be a minimum one (1) gallon size.

F. Cottage Housing Development General Standards

1. Permitted Uses

   a. Land in the CHD is specifically limited to single family residential use and those accessory uses as outlined in this Section 8.6.

2. Area and Dimensional Requirements
   a. In CHDs, the permitted density shall be one CHD dwelling unit per 6220 s.f. of lot area (7 units/acre).
   b. The minimum lot area for a CHD shall be 65,000 s.f. of contiguous upland.
   c. The maximum number of units in a CHD shall be 30 and the minimum number of units in a CHD shall be 10.
   d. A CHD must have at least 40 feet of access to a street.

3. Height Limit and Roof Pitch

a. The height limit for housing structures in a CHD shall be 18 feet.
b. The ridge of pitched roofs with a minimum slope of eight inches to twelve inches may extend up to 25 feet in height. All parts of the roof above eighteen feet shall be pitched.
c. Parking structures and community buildings shall not exceed 25 feet in height.
d. All garages shall have a pitched roof design with a minimum slope of 6 inches to twelve inches.

4. Lot Coverage and Floor Area

a. The maximum lot coverage permitted for all structures in a CHD shall not exceed 33 percent.
b. The maximum first floor area for an individual CHD dwelling unit shall be as follows:
   i. the gross first floor area may not exceed 800 s.f. in 80% of the CHD units.
   ii. areas not included in gross square foot calculations are those porches and unheated screen rooms less than 150 s.f.; garages; common buildings; interior heated areas where the ceiling height is less than 6 feet such as second floor areas under sloped roofs; and architectural projections such as bay windows, fireplaces and utility closets not greater than 18 inches in depth and 6 feet in width.
c. The total gross square foot floor area for an individual CHD dwelling unit shall not exceed either 1.75 times the area of the first floor or 999 square feet, whichever is less.
d. The perimeter of the CHD shall have a 20 foot buffer zone from non CHD property and other than porch stairs (maximum of 2 steps), no other building components are allowed in the buffer zone. Paving for the purpose of ease in turning but not for parking, may extend into the buffer zone by as much as ten feet. Entry travelways may also extend into the buffer zone.

5. Yards

a. There shall be a minimum of 10 feet between structures in a CHD. Projections may extend into the 10 foot separation area as follows:

   i. Eaves may extend up to 12 inches.
   ii. Gutters and downspouts may extend up to 4 inches beyond the 12 inch eave extension.
   iii. Fixtures not exceeding 5 square feet in area including but not limited to air conditioning units, gas meters, electric

meters and vent pipes may extend up to the width of the fixture.

6. Parking

   a. One indoor and one outdoor space per unit is required.
   b. Parking shall be located on the CHD property.
   c. Parking shall be screened from public streets and adjacent non CHD residential structures.
   d. Tandem parking is permitted.
   e. On street parking is permitted.

7. Number of Units Allowed

   The maximum number of CHD units in the Town of West Bridgewater shall be limited to a number equivalent to 5% of the existing single family residential housing units (excluding CHD units) located in the Town of West Bridgewater. The number of single family residential housing units for the purpose of this by-law shall be established by the Board of Assessors as of January 1 of the calendar year in which the Special Permit application is filed.

8. Driveways and Utilities

   All travelways, walkways, sewage facilities, drainage facilities and utilities shall be designed and constructed in compliance with the Town of West Bridgewater Site Plan guidelines, except as specifically modified by the following design standards:

   a. The minimum paved width of primary travel areas shall be twenty-two (22) feet and eighteen (18) feet for secondary travel areas providing access to eight or less units.
   b. Exceptions to the Site Plan guidelines may be authorized by the Planning Board in granting a special permit hereunder provided that the Board determines such exceptions are consistent with the purposes of Section A.
   c. The minimum width for walkways shall be (4) four feet.
   d. Creative drainage designs are encouraged including open drainage and recharge features.

9. Conditions

   Any plan approved as a CHD shall contain the following condition:

   a. The Town of West Bridgewater shall be allowed to access the CHD for the maintenance of public utilities as appropriate.

10. Common Land

In a CHD at least 25% of the total tract area shall be set aside as common land for the use of the CHD residents and their guests. The following additional requirements shall apply:

a. Common Land shall be planned as large contiguous parcels whenever possible. Strips or narrow parcels shall be permitted only when necessary for providing access to the Common Land and for 20 foot perimeter buffer strips or where they help promote compliance with the purposes of this Section 8.6.
b. Common Land may be set aside in one or more parcels provided that the size and shape and location of such parcels are suitable for the designated uses.
c. All wetlands and sensitive areas shall be part of the common land.

11. Use of Common Land

a. The Common Land shall be used for buffering, natural resource protection, recreation, community facilities, outdoor education, and horticulture or for any combination of such uses. The following additional uses are also allowed:

i. The Common Land may be used for the construction of leaching areas associated with septic disposal systems serving the CHD, for water supply wells serving the CHD and for drainage structures and appurtenances serving the CHD. Septic disposal easements shall be not larger than reasonably necessary. If any portion of the Common Land is used for the purpose of such leaching areas or wells, the Planning Board shall require adequate assurances and covenants that such facilities shall be maintained by the Condominium Association within the CHD. This provision shall not be subject to the restrictions of 8.6(F) (11) (b).
ii The Common Land may also be used for travel and access ways, pedestrian walkways, bicycle paths, parking areas and resident and emergency access to and from the Common Land and CHD units.
iii. The Common Land may be subject to easements for construction, maintenance and repair of utility and drainage facilities serving the CHD or adjacent parcels.

b. The Common Land shall remain unbuilt upon, provided that a maximum of twenty five (25) percent of such common land may be subject to structures accessory to the primary use or uses of the

CHD (such as detached garages, storage sheds, dumpster enclosures and common buildings).

c. The proposed uses of the Common Land shall be specified on a plan and appropriate dedications and restrictions shall be implemented.

12. Ownership of Common Land

a. The Common Land shall be owned by the condominium or homeowners association made up of the owners of the units within the CHD or other acceptable entity. If applicable, the Planning Board's legal counsel shall approve the form of the condominium documents creating and governing the condominium association as to form. Said documents, including at a minimum, a trust and master deed, shall be submitted to the Planning Board at the time of submission of the CHD special permit application.

13. Site Development Standards

a. Within the CHD adequate access shall be provided to each unit. Units need not have frontage or be adjacent to parking areas but access shall be convenient by walkways and appropriate for residents and emergency services.

b. To the extent possible, open space and common lands, unit siting, walkways and travelways shall be designed with due respect to existing site conditions, views, drainage paths, soils and topography.

c. CHD units shall, to the extent possible, be situated so as to create a landscaped courtyard setting with the front of said units, to the extent possible, facing said courtyard or any common land within the CHD.

d. All utilities shall be installed underground.

e. The CHD shall have a 20 foot buffer zone around the entire perimeter of the development. Where possible, the buffer zone shall include natural vegetation and if not possible, new plantings, walls, fences or vegetated berms may be used to provide a screening barrier between the development and abutting properties. The buffer zone and its associated screening barrier (which need not be continuous) shall be designated on the Special Permit Plan.

f. The hydrants and all water mains within the CHD shall be privately owned and maintained. Appropriate rights of access shall be granted to the Town of West Bridgewater for the purpose of emergency service of the water system.

G. Application Process

The Special Permit application shall contain a plan in a form and with the contents consistent with requirements of the Town of West Bridgewater Site Plan approval set forth in Section 7.2.

H. Planning Board Action

1. In evaluating the proposed CHD, the Planning Board shall consider the following in addition to those general conditions set forth in Section 7.5.3.1 of this By-Law:

a. The general purpose and objectives of this by-law.
b. The existing and probable future development of the property and surrounding areas.
c. The appropriateness of the walkways, travelways, common land and unit layout.

2. In addition to the standards set forth in Section 7.5.3.1, the SPGA shall consider whether the CHD:

a. Complies with the requirements of this Section 8.6, other applicable requirements of the Zoning By-laws and any regulations and guidelines promulgated thereto.
b. Is consistent with the purposes stated in Section 8.6(A).
c. Is in harmony with the existing and probable future uses of the area and with the character of the surrounding area and neighborhood.

I. Change of plans after granting of Special Permit

Minor changes may be made to the approved plans with the consent of the Planning Board, and without requiring a public hearing. Major modifications or substantial changes shall require a new or amended Special Permit and site plan approval.

J. The Planning Board shall be the Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA) and Site Plan Approval Granting Authority for this Cottage Housing Development By-law.

K. The Planning Board shall establish, and from time to time amend, regulations for the administration of this Section 8.6, including a schedule of filing fees to cover the costs of processing and engineering review by Town personnel, and review fees to cover the costs of expert technical review by outside consultants.

Or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AMEND THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER'S ZONING BY-LAWS BY INSERTING A NEW SECTION 8.6 CALLED "COTTAGE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT" AS PRINTED ON THE WARRANT ABOVE.**

MOTION TO AMEND SECTION 8.6B BY STRIKING "OR BUSINESS DISTRICT" BY SELECTMEN MATTHEW ALBANESE

UPON VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT, AMENDMENT PASSES BY A MAJORITY.

MOTION TO AMEND SECTION 7 BY CHANGING "5% TO 2%" BY SELECTMEN JERRY LAWRENCE.

UPON VOTE ON THE AMENDMENT, AMENDMENT PASSES BY A MAJORITY

UPON VOTE, MOTION DEFEATED

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 59, Section 5L of the Massachusetts General Laws relative to property tax deferral for National Guard and/or Reservists or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN WILL VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 59, SECTION 5L OF THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS RELATIVE TO PROPERTY TAX DEFERRAL FOR NATIONAL GUARD AND/OR RESERVISTS.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 40 Section 22F which will allow any municipal board or officer empowered to issue a license, permit or certificate to fix reasonable fees for all such licenses permits, or certificates issued pursuant to statutes or regulations wherein the entire proceeds of the fee remain with the issuing Town or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PROVISIONS OF MGL CHAPTER 40 SECTION 22F WHICH WILL ALLOW ANY MUNICIPAL BOARD OR OFFICER EMPOWERED TO ISSUE A LICENSE, PERMIT OR CERTIFICATE TO FIX REASONABLE FEES FOR ALL SUCH LICENSES PERMITS, OR CERTIFICATES ISSUED PURSUANT TO STATUTES OR REGULATIONS WHEREIN THE ENTIRE PROCEEDS OF THE FEE REMAIN WITH THE ISSUING TOWN.**

UPON COUNTED VOTE, YES 70 – NO 78, MOTION DEFEATED

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to amend Town By-Law Article 44, "Wetlands Protection" Section 6 in the following manner:

Article 44, Section g.

Strike the words indicated (by the strikethrough) and correct the spelling of the word provisions from "previsions" as indicated.

g. Determination of Consultant Fee. The exercise of discretion by the Commission in making its determination to require payment of a consultant fee shall be based upon its reasonable finding that additional information ~~available only through outside consultants~~ is necessary for the making of an objective decision. Any applicant aggrieved by the imposition of, or size of, the consultant fee, or any act related thereto, may appeal according to the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Article 44 Section h.

Change to read:

h. Consultant Fee. The consultant fee shall be the actual cost to the Commission for engineering and consultant services deemed necessary by the Commission to come to a final decision on an application. The Commission shall require an estimated or actual payment, in their discretion, of the consultant fee in advance of any engineering or consultant services.

Article 44 Section i.

Strike in its entirety (Remove It). It is no longer necessary.

Or take any active relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AMEND TOWN BY-LAW ARTICLE 44, "WETLANDS PROTECTION" SECTION 6 AS PRINTED IN THE WARRANT ABOVE.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY MAJORITY

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to move the present fiber optic cable running through the Howard School playing fields so that it is not in the way of the new soccer field or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: TO PASS WITHOUT ACTION.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate additional funds to construct a new Soil Absorption System as approved in Article 1 at the October 30, 2006 Special Town Meeting and further that the Town vote to borrow this sum of money or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE ADDITIONAL SUM OF $177,000 TO CONSTRUCT A NEW SOIL ABSORPTION SYSTEM AS APPROVED IN ARTICLE 1 AT THE OCTOBER 30, 2006 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money in addition to those approved in Article 2 at the October 30, 2006 Special Town Meeting for the construction of a new soccer field or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE ADDITIONAL SUM OF $52,000 IN ADDITION TO THOSE APPROVED IN ARTICLE 2 AT THE OCTOBER 30, 2006 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 10: To transact any business that may legally come before this meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN, 8:33 P.M.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

A true copy, Attest: Nancy L. Morrison

Nancy L. Morrison, Town Clerk, CMC, CMMC

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of West Bridgewater:

The year 2007 proved to be another successful year for the students of West Bridgewater. For the 7th straight year, our students achieved 100% passing of the high-stakes grade 10 MCAS. Over ninety-five percent of the class of 2007 pursued higher education building on the foundation academic excellence that is the cornerstone of our public school system.

Once again in 2007, our students were recognized for numerous academic achievements. Our drama and band programs provided entertainment as our many talented students were "showcased." Our athletic programs continue to attain many league championships as our Wildcats represent our school with dignity and pride.

Our administrators, faculty and staff, through the excellent leadership of Superintendent Dr. Oakley, have yielded positive results. The hard work of our students, administration, faculty and staff have established the West Bridgewater School System as a great place to be, and the envy of other schools in the surrounding communities.

As we move into future years, the School Committee is confident that our school system will continue to achieve high academic standards. We are also confident that our community will continue to support the schools as we work together for our children.

Respectively submitted,

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Annual Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of West Bridgewater,

On behalf of the West Bridgewater Public Schools I would like to thank the residents of West Bridgewater for their continued support of our educational program. It is because of this community support and the dedication and commitment of our faculty and staff that the School Department is able to provide a superior education to the students of West Bridgewater. We are pleased to have you as partners and look forward to your continued input and support.

Highlights of 2007 include:

On August 22nd and 23rd Mrs. Nancy Emord conducted an orientation for new teachers. Ten new teachers were hired for the 2007-2008 school year. This orientation is the first phase of a year-long mentoring program, which provides new teachers with the support they need to become successful in the teaching profession.

In June the School Department said goodbye to the following retirees, Rosemary Valentine, Frank DeMello, Judy Kendall, Gerry Bean, each of whom will be missed by all.

In April, the Strategic Planning Committee, the School Committee, and the building level School Improvement Councils met to present and discuss the progress towards meeting their goals for improvement. Each Principal presented their School Improvement Plans to the group, which for the first time used a format solely based on increasing student achievement.

In September we received the 2007 MCAS scores. The district continued to show improvement gains towards proficiency in most areas of the Math and English Language Arts tests. The accountability provision of the No Child Left Behind Act requires that each school district make adequate yearly progress (AYP) toward meeting a national goal of all students being "proficient" in mathematics and English Language Arts by the year 2014. In addition, the first "high-stakes" science test was given to high school students. I am pleased to report that 99% of the students who took the exam passed on their first try.

In June the School Department, in partnership with the West Bridgewater Police Department, formed a Drug and Alcohol Task Force. The Task Force is a partnership formed between the school, parents, and the Police Department to promote awareness of drug and alcohol issues in the community. Some of the issues discussed included the creation of the student group SADD (Students Against Destructive Decision Making), drug recognition training for staff members, canine searches in the high school, the use of breathalyzers at school functions and educational workshops for parents.

In another partnership, the West Bridgewater School Department in conjunction with the West Bridgewater Police Department developed an information exchange webpage to give parents an opportunity to request accurate information, clarify concerns, and dispel rumors regarding school issues.

In September the Middle/Senior High School began their self-study phase of the NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) re-accreditation process. The accreditation program for public schools involves a threefold process: the self-study conducted by the local professional staff, the on-site evaluation conducted by the Commission's visiting committee, and the follow-up program carried out by the school to implement the findings of its own self-study and the valid recommendations of the visiting committee and those identified by the Commission in the Follow-Up process. Continued accreditation requires that the school be reevaluated at least once every ten years and that it show continued progress. West Bridgewater High School has been accredited through NEASC since 1955.

The School Department in partnership with the North River Collaborative received a Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) grant. The key components of the grant include; (1) assess Emergency Management Plans of the participating districts; (2) create a framework for districts that ensures the Emergency Management Plans (EMPs) include all aspects of NIMS (National Incident Management System), ICS (Incident Command System) and Massachusetts Homeland Security Strategy; (3) develop partnerships between schools and community emergency management responders; (4) train school administration/staff and community partners in the four phases of Readiness and Emergency Management; and (5) ensure that district EMPs include a plan for sustainability and continuous improvement.

Many thanks to the School Committee, parents, teachers, administration, and staff for their tireless efforts for the students of West Bridgewater.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia W. Oakley

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Director of Special Education

Annual Report from the Director of Special Education

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Residents of West Bridgewater:

I am pleased to report that the West Bridgewater Public School System continues to be an educational setting that takes pride in providing an outstanding program for students with special needs. We have teachers that work very hard to accomplish the educational goals of each of their students. Every student with special needs is in an educational setting that provides needed services while keeping them included with their classmates as much as possible.

Spring Street School houses our Early Childhood Center. Pre-school students from the age of three to five are included with Play Pals in classroom settings that allow for all students to work at their developmental level. The Kindergarten program at the Spring Street School has an optional all-day program and special needs students are included in both full and half-day classrooms. Teachers and Instructional Assistants in all of these programs are experienced and dedicated to their students

At our elementary schools, the Rose L. MacDonald and Howard Schools, Teachers of Special Education along with Instructional Assistants provide services both in the classroom and in small group or individual settings. The Middle/Senior High School staff also provides special education help both in class and in directed studies. The staff is highly dedicated to providing for the educational needs of their students.

System-wide, we have two speech therapists that provide articulation and language services as needed for students in Pre-K to 12th grade. An Adaptive Physical Education (A.P.E.) Teacher provides individual services or in-class support for those students who need help in developing motor skills.

Services for Occupational Therapy (O.T.) and Physical Therapy (P.T.) are provided through READS Collaborative. Students who need assistance with fine motor or physical skills receive their services from the collaborative staff. This utilization of collaborative services allows us to provide cost-effective services by sharing staff with other school districts.

West Bridgewater is part of both the READS Collaborative and the North River Collaborative. Our association with these collaboratives allows us access to specialized services, testing and out-of-district placements for our students when needed. As a small school system, West Bridgewater benefits by joining with other school systems in providing innovative and cost-effective programming.

As required by state and federal laws, The West Bridgewater Special Education Department conducts special needs screening of all students entering kindergarten. Additionally, referrals are accepted during the year for children as they turn 3 years of age if parents or service providers feel the child may have special needs. The annual child-find and kindergarten special needs screening is conducted in April and May of each year.

In summary, the West Bridgewater Special Education Department provides a comprehensive program of screening, assessment and special education services. Services are provided based upon the individual needs of each student with disabilities and are provided in the most inclusive setting possible. The staff of the Special Education Department is to be commended for their unwavering dedication to their students.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Naimey

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Annual Town Report for the Middle/Senior High School

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of West Bridgewater:

The mission of the West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High School is to provide a safe, supportive learning environment in which each student will acquire the knowledge, skills, and values necessary to become a life-long learner and responsible citizen in our diverse and changing society.

During the year 2007, West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High School began preparing for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges accreditation visit, which will be March of 2009. We began our self-study, which encompasses 7 standards for accreditation. This is an intense process involving faculty, staff, school committee, parents and students. Members of the school also formed a Feasibility Committee whose charge was to look at the school building and make decisions about needed improvements. This Committee hopes to provide direction to the School Committee before the end of the 2007/2008 school year.

On a wet Friday, June 1, 2007, 71 seniors received their diplomas. The class of 2007 continued the tradition of participation in the Community Service Learning Program and performed hours of community service as part of their Contemporary Americans Issues (CAI) curriculum. This was a rewarding and mutually beneficial endeavor for the students and the community.

Ninety six percent of the class of 2007 was accepted to go on to post secondary education. One student went into vocational training and one student was undecided. Some of the colleges and universities the students were accepted to include: Atlantic Union, Blaine, BSC, Brocton Hospital for Nursing, Bryant, BHCC, Holy Cross, Curry, Eastern Nazarene, Embry Riddle Aeronautics, Fisher, Johnson and Wales, LaSalle University, MA College of Pharmacy, Massasoit, McGill, Mount Ida, New England Tech, Nichols, Providence College, Quinnipiac University, Rivier College, Roger Williams, St. Leo, Salve Regina, Stonehill, Suffolk, Universal Technical Institute, UMass Amherst, UMass Dartmouth, Notre Dame, Wentworth, Westfield State, Worcester Polytec Institute.

Twenty-five members of the class of 2008 were recognized by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as John and Abigail Adams Scholarship winners. This award is based on the student's MCAS exams and entitles each student to a scholarship for free tuition at any State college or State university in Massachusetts.

All members of the class of 2009 passed the State mandated Math and English MCAS tests. A student cannot receive a high school diploma if they have not passed the English/Language Arts and

Mathematics MCAS exam. All members of the classes of 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008 also passed this exam. In June of 2007 101 of 102 members of the class of 2011 passed the MCAS Biology test. Beginning with the Class of 2011, students must pass a Science MCAS exam to receive a high school diploma.

West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High introduced a variety of new course opportunities for the students. Piano, Guitar, Science Fiction, Statistics, Economic/Entrepreneurship, Trigonometry, American Legal, and TV production have been very successful and well received. The addition of these courses improves our student's transcripts and gives them an opportunity to acquire new skills and to better prepare them for graduation.

Various clubs within the Middle/Senior High School participated in activities to showcase their talent and their commitment to our community and beyond. The Key Club sponsored, Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF, a March of Dimes fundraiser, Operation Christmas Child, Hug Tree for children in need, and Dollars-for-Dentists to aid in purchasing supplies for dental care in impoverished areas of the world. The Drama Club volunteered at Cranberry County Triathlon in August 2007 and showcased their talents in, Thursday Night Live (admission donation to WB food pantry), Massachusetts Drama Festival Entry: "One Hour," written and directed by senior Kathryn Place, and their Musical Production: *Grease.*

As has been the case for many years, the West Bridgewater tradition of athletic excellence continues. During the last school year, 7 teams qualified to participate in the MIAA tournament. 5 teams won their league title and the football team played for the state championship in the Division 4 Super Bowl. 46 athletes were recognized as league all stars. 14 athletes were selected as Brockton Enterprise All Scholastic. One athlete was selected as a Boston Globe All Scholastic and their peers named six coaches as "Coach of the Year."

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Szymaniak

Jeffrey Szymaniak, Principal

The Mission of West Bridgewater Middle-Senior High School is to provide a safe, supportive learning environment in which each student will acquire the knowledge, skills, and values necessary to become a life-long learner and responsible citizen in our diverse and changing society.

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Principal

Dear Board of Selectmen and Citizens of West Bridgewater,

The Howard School opened its doors to the students on Wednesday, September 5, 2007 with 281 students in grades four, five and six. The 44 faculty and staff members reported to school on Tuesday, September 4th. Prior to the start of the school year we had an Orientation Day for incoming 4th grade students and their parents. This was the first year for this event. The students participated in various activities with staff members and the parents were invited for lunch.

We have added several new staff members to the Howard School this year. Ms. Jessica Williams was hired as a fifth grade teacher. Ms. Williams had previously worked at the Howard School as a reading/math tutor and an instructional assistant. Mrs. Jo Enke was hired as a general music teacher. Mrs. Enke splits her time between the Howard and Rose L. MacDonald School. Mrs. Anna Mills was hired as a grade 6 social studies teacher. Mr. Eric LeMarier was hired as an instrumental music teacher. We are very fortunate to have the new staff members here who join our outstanding staff.

The students continue to receive daily instruction in Reading/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. The students in the 6th grade work in a middle school model of scheduling, where they will change classes for each of the core area subjects. All of the teachers continue to teach to the students the standards in the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks to ensure that all of our students are well prepared for the state assessment tests (MCAS) this spring. In addition, students receive instruction in Art, Music (vocal or instrumental), Computer Technology, Health, Library and Physical Education on a weekly basis.

It is a continued goal of the staff and students at the Howard School to improve our performance in the MCAS tests. All of the teachers have met to analyze the previous year's tests and to look into ways that we can address areas that can be improved. The Howard School staff continues to review the curriculum to ensure that we are meeting the state curriculum frameworks in all areas. We continue to strive to give each student the best education possible.

The Howard School is fortunate to have curriculum leaders in English, Math and Science/Social Studies. Mrs. Sally Romano continued in the role for English, Mrs. Joan Magnuson continued in the role for Math, and Ms. Sarah Dowling has continued in the role for Science and Social Studies. All three will continue to meet with the teachers in all grade levels to discuss areas of strength, evaluate curriculum, and find areas where we can continue to improve.

Once again, the students had the opportunity to participate in the After-School Program. There were a wide variety of activities that they could choose from for this extracurricular program. We would like to thank Ms. Sarah Dowling for organizing and leading these outstanding programs. It is great to see so many students active in the school after the close of the school day. It is a safe place for them to be with their friends and getting to work with the staff.

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Our fifth grade students have once again been part of the Savings Makes Cents Program sponsored by Bridgewater Savings Bank. This program run through the State Treasurers office encourages students to save money and talks about the importance of being financially responsible. Each month speakers would come in to talk to the students.

Once again our sixth grade students will have the opportunity to go to Nature's Classroom in Groton, Massachusetts for a week. They have gone on this trip for the past 10 years. It is a wonderful experience for the students who learn to work together and live together for the week. It could not be done without the dedication of the staff and chaperones who volunteer their time for the week. This is an experience that will stay with the students for a lifetime.

Our students have also had the opportunity to serve and help others. Thank you to Ms. Lucy Smith who continues to lead the Howard School Student Council. The students are elected to this position and there are two students and an alternate from each homeroom. The students have also shown community spirit and support through visiting the Life Care Center of West Bridgewater each month. The students also raised money for UNICEF and the West Bridgewater Food Pantry through their bake sale. The sixth grade students should be congratulated for raising money which was donated to the West Bridgewater Emergency Relief Fund.

Mrs. Beth Smith and April McDermott from the West Bridgewater Public Library continued to work with Mrs. Marie Dowling, the school Librarian, to provide additional library services for the Howard School students. The classes visited the Public Library on a regular basis throughout the school year. The Friends of the Library, under the direction of Marianne Lorray, arranged for grades 4, 5 and 6 to participate in the Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) program. They provided books to the students three times during the year.

Once again the West Bridgewater P.T.O provided the students with numerous enrichment programs that tied directly to the curriculum. These programs included: Science Isn't Always Pretty, Mad About Math, Animal Adaptations, Amelia Earhart, Helen Keller, Treasure Island, Ben Franklin, Forces in Motion, Clara Barton, Greek Mythology, and many other programs as well as funding for student participation in numerous programs and for various other educational materials. We would like to thank them for their dedication and efforts on behalf of the students and staff.

The Howard School Improvement Council met once a month throughout the school year. Council members included: Mrs. Francine Church, Mrs. Elena Mills, Mrs. Stephanie Savoy, Mrs. Deborah Kelley, Mrs. Jeanne Menton and Ms. Sarah Dowling. They have revised the school improvement plan, reviewed the Howard School budget, and looked for ways to improve the school. We would like to thank all of the members for their efforts to continue to make the Howard School a better place for our students and our staff.

I would like to thank the faculty, staff, students, volunteers and all of the parents of students here at the Howard School. As we all continue to work in a collaborative effort we will continue to see the Howard School excel.

Sincerely,

Mark Bodwell

Mark Bodwell
Principal

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Town Report of the Rose L. MacDonald School

To the Honorable Selectman and the Citizens of West Bridgewater:

As of January 1, 2008, 288 students are enrolled at the Rose L. MacDonald. The Rose L. MacDonald School houses five classes of grades one, and four classes of grades two and three, for a total of thirteen classrooms. Faculty includes thirteen certified classroom teachers, two certified special education teachers, five certified special education instructional assistants, a school nurse, and a school secretary. A school psychologist, who provides counseling and administers testing for student evaluations, and a speech and language pathologist are shared with the WB Middle/Senior High School and Spring St. School. A part-time instructional technology specialist helps teachers integrate subject content with Internet resources and educational software is shared with the WBMSHS.

While the district did not qualify for Title One federal funds again this year, the school was able, with money provided through the school choice option in West Bridgewater, to provide academic support services for students at Rose L. MacDonald School. A full time reading specialist and a part time math specialist work with students who benefit from small group instructional sessions in addition to their classroom instruction.

The Massachusetts Frameworks are aligned with curriculum to address the preparation of students for the state standardized testing requirements. Students receive daily Math instruction using the *Everyday Math Program.* It is an engaging, hands-on program that scaffolds learners as they move from concrete to abstract and symbolic processes in math cognition. It provides ample experiences for the application of math concepts in practical authentic experiences.

English Language Arts instruction addresses all areas of literacy, including listening, speaking, reading, and writing. An assortment of instructional materials speaks to these skill areas, and teachers utilize a repertoire of established teaching strategies. A balanced literacy program, one that utilizes varied and research based effective teaching practices, is at the heart of reading instruction. The Houghton Mifflin *Invitations to Literacy* program is currently utilized at each grade level. Science and Social Studies standards are addressed through the reading program with the use of nonfiction children's literature. Children at Rose L. MacDonald also receive instruction in art, music, library, health and physical education each week.

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School Council meetings take place on a regular basis at the Rose L. MacDonald School, and parents, teachers and community members can meet with the principal. Based on the council's recommendations, a School Improvement Plan is written to outline goals for the coming years that align with the district's Strategic Plan. Goals that address the continual improvement of student achievement as well as maintaining the school facility are included.

The self-supporting after school enrichment program has continued into its fifth year and is now under the leadership of Art teacher, Sue Moran. With the help of teachers as program leaders, a variety of courses including arts and crafts, technology, science, and music are offered to youngsters during the sixteen weeks the program is run.

A Surround Care program that provides before and after school childcare is offered at the Rose L. MacDonald School. It provides working parents with well-located and reasonably priced care for their children both before and after school. Childcare providers organize recreational events, help students with homework, and provide snacks to students in grades one through six.

The newly elected PTO president Helena Manning, along with the P.T.O. officers and members, has continued to work throughout the year on fundraising efforts that provide varied and wonderful enrichment programs related to the curriculum at each grade level. A dedicated core of parent volunteers provides teachers with support by volunteering time in a variety of helpful ways, both in and out of the classroom.

Thanks to the ongoing work of town residents Mariann Lorray, and Kristine Roberts and the Friends of the West Bridgewater Public Library, children receive free books three times a year from the Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) program.

In conclusion, I would like to commend the faculty, staff and families of the Rose L. MacDonald School who continue to work cohesively and with commitment to provide a quality, all-inclusive education for the children of the Rose L. MacDonald School.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda G. Dubin

Mrs. Linda G. Dubin
Principal

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of West Bridgewater:

The Spring Street School is an Early Childhood Education Center that meets the particular needs of children 3 through 5 years of age. As of January 1st 2008, there were 86 students enrolled in the kindergarten, 25 students enrolled in the Integrated Preschool and 50 preschoolers enrolled in the morning and afternoon sessions of the Preschool Play and Learn program, which is housed in the Spring Street School. The Integrated Pre School class serves the needs of 25 students, including both special needs and typically developing play pals. There are two full day kindergartens and two half-day kindergarten sessions. The full day kindergarten program is an option for parents who pay tuition for their children to attend, and currently has an enrollment of 49 children in two classes. Half-day kindergarten is tuition free and currently has a total enrollment of 37 children between a.m. and p.m. sessions. Each kindergarten class has a full time highly qualified teacher and one instructional assistant. The Spring Street School also offers a child care (*Surround Care)* program that provides parents with a convenient and affordable option for early morning or after school care.

Students receive instruction in readiness skills, reading, writing and math that align with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks Standards for preschool and kindergarten. The Integrated Preschool met explicit criteria this year and was one again recertified by the NAEYC (National Association for Education of Young People). Children receive instruction in Art, Music, Health, Library, and Physical Education on a weekly basis.

The Spring Street School Improvement Council meets regularly during the year to investigate ways to improve programs, curriculum, and facility and to write a yearly school improvement plan. School Improvement Council members include, Principal Linda Dubin, Preschool director Mrs. Anita Labrecque, kindergarten Mrs. Kim Collins, and parents Mr. Rick Chisholm, Mrs. Molly Smith, and Mrs. Susan Sullivan. We thank them for their work on behalf of the school.

The West Bridgewater P.T.O. actively continues to support the Spring Street School with its fundraising efforts. The proceeds provide many varied enrichment programs and financial support for teacher requests throughout the year.

In closing, I would like to thank all the parent volunteers, faculty and staff members at the school for their dedication and effort throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda G. Dubin

Linda G. Dubin
Principal

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January 01, 2008

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

We the Commissioners,Superintendent, and Assistant Superintendent of the Water Department for the Town of West Bridgewater, respectfully submit our annual report for the year ending December 31, 2007.

During the year a total of 279,904,912 gallons of water were pumped. This is 40,835,907 gallons more than the previous year. The greatest amount pumped for any one day was on June 27, 2007 when 1,593,462 gallons were pumped. The largest month was July with 30,656,247 gallons pumped. The largest week was July 10-16 with 7,660,435 gallons being pumped.

With 279,904,912 gallons of water pumped, plus 1,718,964 gallons purchased from Easton, a total of 281,623,876 gallons of water was used. This makes a daily average use of 768,970 gallons.

Over the past year 23 new services were added. Our number of services now totals 2,669.

Station maintenance was carried out daily, after every severe storm, and after all power failures. A total of 459 hours of overtime were spent on emergency leaks and maintenance.

Once again in the fall of the year the Water Department conducted our flushing program. The flushing program has proven to be very successful, eliminating all dirty water complaints.

The Water Department's is still in search of a new meter reading system to replace the telephone system that has been discontinued.

In 2007 the water crew continued both a gate box rehabilitation program and a gate exercising program. Since the September 11 terrorist attack the quick and efficient operation of these valves has become of critical importance.

It plays a major role in our new plan to react to terrorism. Isolating problems in the distribution system caused by terrorists is essential to any antiterrorism plan. Having started this project five years ago it has given us an extremely valuable head start in completing an anti terrorism plan that can work successfully.

During 2007 the Water Department continued to upgrade our entire GIS mapping system. New streets and homes have been added, the water billing system has been connected to each house.The water gate maintenance program has been attached to the each gate. The hydrant data has been attached to each hydrant. The assessors information has been attached to each parcel.All the old hand drawn service cards and drawings have been scanned and attached to the corresponding properties. With all this information instantly available the Water Department has installed a large screen projector in the Commissioners meeting room which enables the Board to have all this information at their finger tips during their meeting when discussing new subdivisions or billing problems with customers. This information readily available will allow them to make more informed and timely comments on projects saving developers and residents time and money.

In June of 2006 town meeting approved the funds for the Water Department to build a wind driven generator on Cyr Street providing we can secure a state grant to help fund the project. This will allow the Water Department to produce electricity which will run the pumping stations, treatment plants and office. In the fall of 2006 we started the required wind study in order to secure the state funding. We are still in the data collecting stage of the study as 2006 comes to a close. We have not been able to successfully secure a grant for this in 2007 but we are still trying in 2008. This project has the potential of saving the residents of West Bridgewater a million dollars over the next 20 years on their water bills.

As 2007 came to a close our new chain link fences around all of our buildings were just starting to be installed.The fences are not to secure against terrorist but to hold off local hoodlums from doing property damage or injuring themselves.

As required by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Agency, 142 analyses of our drinking water were performed. All reports were satisfactory, showing it to be of highly acceptable quality and free from bacterial elements. We also ran individual

tests on all seven wells to check for cancer causing pollutants in our water.

We now have four corrosion control facilities on line. One is on Norman Avenue and a second on Cyr Street treating wells 4&5,a third at station 1 on Cyr Street, and the iron removal plant on Manley street has corrosion control built into the treatment process. We continue to meet our goal and pass the EPA lead and copper rule.

We would like to thank the employees of the Water Department for making this year a success. We would also like to thank all the other departments that came to our aid when requested. Most importantly, we would like to thank all the towns people who have supported us in reaching our goals.

Respectfully submitted,
John W. Noyes, Chairman
Donald Asack, Clerk
David Churchill, Member
Richard E. Krugger Jr. Superintendent
Phyllis Bickford,Assistant Superintendent

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my eighteenth annual report as Chief of the Fire Department for the calendar year 2007.

Personnel

The personnel of the Fire Department consists of the permanent Chief, one (1) permanent Deputy Chief, one (1) permanent Captain, two (2) permanent Lieutenants, ten (10) permanent firefighters, fourteen (14) call firefighters, two (2) Call Chaplains, and one (1) call dispatcher. Of the fifteen (15) full time members, including the Chief, four (4) are trained at the EMT-Defibrillator level, five (5) are trained at the EMT-Intermediate level, and seven (7) are trained at the EMT-Paramedic level. In the call department, four (4) members are trained at the EMT-D level, four (4) are trained at the EMT-Paramedic level, including one that is a physician, and six (6) are trained at the first responder level.

Apparatus

Engine #1, a 2004 Emergency One 1500 GPM pumper, Engine #2, a 1986 Emergency One/GMC 1000 GPM pumper, Engine #3, a 1994 KME 1250 GPM rescue/pumper, Ladder #1, a 1999 Emergency One 110' aerial device, Forest Fire #2, a 2006 Ford F-350 4 wheel drive pick up truck, Forest Fire #3, a 1974 American Motors 6 wheel drive (government surplus) brushbreaker, Ambulance #1, a 1998 Freightliner/Horton, Ambulance #2, a 2004 Ford/Horton, the Chief's vehicle, a 2008 Ford F-350 4 wheel drive pickup truck, and the Paramedic response vehicle, a 1996 Ford Crown Victoria (former police cruiser).

Statistical Report

During 2007, the fire and rescue department responded to a total of two thousand eight hundred and sixty four incidents (2864). Of this figure, one thousand seven hundred and twenty (1720) calls were fire related. The remaining calls, One thousand one hundred and forty four (1144), were for emergency medical services.
For the fifth year in a row, we responded to more fire related calls than emergency medical services calls.

Training

We continue to have an ongoing training program for both our full time professional firefighters as well as our part time call firefighters. These duties are handled by Deputy Chief Allen A. Breer. Generally speaking, the department members train or "drill" during their regular on duty hours with call members participating when they are available. The department also conducts emergency medical training. These emergency medical training sessions, which are also made available to our surrounding communities, are conducted by Dr. Henry Crowley, a member of our department, our Medical Director, and one of our paramedics.

Inspections

All inspections, as required by law, have been accomplished by this office, as well as an on going joint inspection program with the towns Building Inspector and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Requests and Recommendations

I am again requesting, and will continue to request, that we add at least one more full time firefighter to our staff. This will bring our total of full time personnel to seventeen, including myself, and will finally move us to my ultimate goal of a minimum of four (4) firefighters on duty at all times. I am very much aware of the present fiscal constraints that we all face. However, we have reached point where we just do not have the adequate staffing available to handle the ever increasing demands placed on the department. When a second, third, or sometimes fourth incident occurs, and this scenario is playing out on a more and more frequent basis, we must have the personnel available to respond. We presently rely on the use of overtime hours to accomplish adequate staffing levels. I believe this is an extremely expensive way to provide this coverage.

I am requesting this year that we replace our 1998 ambulance. We have traditionally replaced these vehicles every 5 yrs. This particular truck is approaching 10 yrs old and has been moved to the 2nd or back-up ambulance with the idea of lessening it's use. On several occasions recently it has been placed out of service for internal electrical issues that are extremely expensive to repair. Also, along these same lines, I am requesting that we upgrade our two cardiac defibrillators. This upgrade is necessitated by the Department of Public Health and is a requirement of our Advanced Life Support ambulance license.

As I do every year, I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks the Board of Selectmen and their office for their continued support of this department and it's mission of protecting the citizens of the town. Also a sincere thank you to my administrative assistant, Dawne Holyoke, and my officers and firefighters for their continued dedication to the department and town. As I tell you every year, you have the finest fire and emergency medical services department in the area. I am always proud of their efforts on a daily basis on behalf of the citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater.

Respectfully submitted,

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Chief

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Forestry Superintendent
Tree Warden
Mass. Certified Horticulturist

The Forestry Department continues its efforts in areas of tree work, park restoration, ground maintenance, and recreation. Listed below are some of the areas in which the department is currently involved:

17 intersection greens	A 5-acre park
Town Hall and Gazebo grounds	7 cemeteries
Legion Memorial Ball fields	Town Library
Police/Fire Station grounds	Town Skating Rink
Newly acquired Rail Trail	Friendship Park Playground
School Department properties	Council on Aging Center

Town greens and lawns are continually upgraded and monitored for insect and disease problems. During 2007, 105 Town trees were removed or trimmed. Residents are urged to call if they have an obstructed area near their home. Poison ivy and hornet/wasp eradication was carried out during the summer for Town residents.

A private crane and/or bucket truck was contracted for large tree maintenance National Grid helps the Town remove any dead trees near wires. This co-op program has been very successful. Our Town was also recognized again this year as an 14th Year "Tree City USA" recipient. With the support of PTO, an Arbor Day program was conducted at the Howard and Rose L. Macdonald Schools, which included a concert and a tree, donated from our Beautification Fund. Residents can request to have trees planted in the fall.

Department vehicles and equipment include:

1997 Brush bandit chipper	1994 F-350 Ford Dump
1993 Graverly 72" cut tractor	1995 F-800 Ford Dump
1997 Graverly 72" cut tractor	1999 F-150 Ford Pick-Up
2000 Kubota Tractor	2004 F-450 Ford Dump
2007 Kubota 72" cut tractor	

We have five (5) funds under the department which we manage and to which we encourage donations.

Stars and Stripes – includes funds for all the Town flags.
Holiday Decoration Fund –used to supply and upgrade holiday decorations throughout and Town.

Beautification – to supply trees, shrubs, flowers, mulch, etc. for al public areas in Town.
Gazebo Concert Series Fund – to pay for the entertainment for the concert series;
Friendship Park Playground Fund – to supply new equipment for the Town playground.

Our 15th Annual Gazebo Concert Series was held in summer 2007. Four concerts were presented, free to the public, on Monday evenings throughout the summer. Plans are now being made for the 2008 summer program. Our thanks are extended to the area businesses and civic groups that totally sponsored this program.

Our 12th Annual "Culture for Children" summer entertainment program was held at Friendship Park Playground this summer on Tuesday evenings. This program was a great success. Plans are now being made for the 2008 Summer Series. Engraved bricks are still being sold to raise money for the expansion of Friendship Park.

We welcome our newest member of the department, Christopher Rolfe, who has a great work ethic and is a real asset to Forestry and Parks.

As budgets become tighter each year, new ways have to be found to fund projects. To allow the Park, trees, or Town properties to decline is not sound for a town that has invested so much in maintaining these things over the years. We always need fresh ideas by employees, townspeople, and volunteers to keep things moving forward in a positive direction.

I extend sincere thanks to all of my co-workers who have helped me over the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher D. Iannitelli
Forestry and Parks Superintendent

Annual Report from the Highway Superintendent

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of West Bridgewater, I respectfully submit my 2007 annual report for the Highway Department.

Equipment

The following is an inventory of department equipment.

2004F-750 4X4 dump truck
2003 F-750 dump truck
1993 F-800 dump truck
1998 F800 dump truck
1975 Sidewalk plow
1992 John Deere backhoe
5 road sanding attachments
1997 F-350 4X4 dump truck
1998 Crown Vic car
2001 F-550 4X4 dump truck
2000 Street sweeper
2005 F-450 4X4 dump truck
2004 Volvo Loader L-60E

Chapter 90

This year we were able to pulverize and resurface with a binder course to Ash St, Snell's Way, and Harvestwood Drive. Again let me remind the residents that we are still short approx 1.3million
Dollars for road monies and this will affect future road project.

Manley Street Reconstruction Project

This long awaited Project started in the spring with drainage basins installed, trees removed, intersections redesigned, hydrants installed. I am onsite everyday to see that the project continues forward. This is the largest road project to date in this town at 4.3 Million dollars. This project continues with the replacement of telephone poles and the stringing of new wires. This procedure may take 6 months to complete. Sidewalks and Granite curbing has been installed along with new fencing.

Winter Conditions

The snowstorms were few but the icing conditions kept the department busy. Sanders and plows were deployed on 19 separate occasions to maintain safe driving conditions in the Town. Five of our trucks have been outfitted to use Ice-Ban as a de-icer, which has proven to be very effective combating the icing conditions. We had 3 Plowable snowstorms.

School Projects

This past year we put in new drainage at the Spring St School and also removed some of the cement court yard, loamed and seeded and added a new asphalt walkway into the school.

Transfer Station

The cost for trash hauling increased to $50per ton and recycling costs vary between $15-$25 per ton. Last year the Town generated 3045 tons of trash, with recyclable products accounting for 540 tons. This recycling is mandated by the State and any violations result in substantial fines to the Town. We added a new Fence and planted Cannas Lilly's to spruce up the location. In the fall we screened 500 yards of compost for the residents use. This compost is tested by UMASS for contents each year. Installed new slide gate and new fencing for storage of snow. Please RECYCLE it's the Law and it saves the town money.

Street Sweeper

The sweeper was out everyday weather permitting. All streets were swept including all the Schools, Police Fire, COA, and all municipal buildings.

Roadside Mowing

Roadside mowing is done consistently as needed. We hired a local contractor with a flail mower to cut back Roadsides on Scotland Street and Walnut Street.

Drainage Projects

We have been aggressively cleaning head walls and drainage ditches. Listed below are locations that were cleaned.

Beacon Street	Harvestwood Drive	South Elm Street
Elm Square	North Elm Street	Walnut Street
East Street	Pleasant Street	West Center Street
Francis Avenue	Scotland Street	Route 106

Repaired Catch Basins

The following catch basins were repaired at Ledge Lawn Road, Coweeset, Orchard Drive, North Elm and Matfield Street.

New Catch Basins

New basins were installed at the following locations, East Street, Cross Street, Beacon Street, Ash Street, Crescent Street, and Transfer Station. 200 feet of pipe with a new trench drain for the YAA.

Police/Fire Station

Excavated sewer lines for the temporary trailers. Assistance was given to the Contractor locating existing drain and sewer lines.
And many smaller projects were completed by the Highway men to help keep the costs of the new project less.

Guard Rails

In keeping with our country charm, 6x8 pressure treated posts and rails were installed on South Elm Street. Painted Rails were installed on Forest Street Bridge.

Street Signs
Updated to MUTCD regulations, which are now to be 9" in height. This is a ten year program and we started with all the main streets and then will continue to the side streets.

Food Drive
The Highway Dept. collected 4,408 pounds of food and $1070 dollars/gift certificates for the West Bridgewater Food Pantry this year and would like to thank all those who donated and helped in this much needed cause.

Dirt Roads
All Dirt Roads were graded at least twice and others as necessary.

Upcoming Projects
South Street Bridge, Scotland Street Bridge and Central Square redesign and construction, These 3 Projects total well over 10 Million Dollars and will be paid for by the State.

American Flags
Highway department won 1st place for best float presentation in the Veterans Day Parade.
Highway department put out 192 flags for Flag Day, Memorial Day, Veterans Day and 4th of July.

911 Display
In cooperation with Police & Fire once again we set up display for the 911 victims. I would like to thank to thank all those who donated funds and banners for this cause.

Howard School Septic/Soccer Field
This major project started this past fall and will be completed this fall. A new septic system will connect the Police, Fire, High school, Spring St. School, Howard, COA Building and Library to one central septic system. I would like to thank all my committee members and volunteers for their time & diligence over the past 10 years to get this project completed. This project when done will bring the town in compliance with DEP regulations.

I offer my sincere appreciation to my staff for their dedication and efforts. In addition to day-to-day responsibilities, each contributes to the quality of this department Charlie Bunker skillfully operates the heavy equipment. Kenny Berry drives tirelessly in the street sweeper, insuring safe and clean roads. Foreman Bill Kovatis and Shawn Anderson work steadily to keep the department vehicles and equipment in repair and operational. Mike Hutchinson keeps all roadside mowing under control on a regular basis. Thanks also to Sue Kent who keeps our paperwork and reports in order. I also extend my thanks to the Selectman, and all Departments Heads throughout the town, for their daily support.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Green
Highway Superintendent

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Ed Sarro
Network Administrator

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of West Bridgewater:

The office of the Network Administration serves to oversee all aspects of the Town's Computer Network. At last year's annual Town Meeting, residents approved a two hundred thousand dollars article to upgrade the computer network infrastructure. The upgrade was handled by Hub Technical Services. The major aspects of the upgrade consisted of: replacing all servers with a new blade server system, replacement of many of the older network switches throughout the town, replacement of the core router, running a fiber optic line from the High School to the Rose L. MacDonald School to make that school part of the Town's local area network, upgrade of the Microsoft Office Licenses and purchase of new workstations to replace the older ones. These upgrades have brought our network up to current standards and will provide us with dependable service for years to come. The collaborative effort between the School Department and the Town contributed to the success of this project.

A concerted effort between many of the Town Departments have lead to the implementation of an Internet based GIS platform. All Town departments now have access to the GIS information. As we continue to work with this data, new layers of information will be available to suit the needs of the various departments.

The Town is currently in the process of having its web page redesigned. The new web page will have a new look and will be more user friendly. It should be available in late spring.

Respectfully submitted

Ed Sarro
Network Administrator

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

Annual Report of the Veterans' Services Office

The department continues to provide information, advice and assistance to veterans' and spouses of veterans'. Some have received temporary assistance due to illness or injury; others receive benefits on a monthly basis. Some apply for assistance, but do not qualify.

The department anticipates an increase in veterans needing assistance due to the ongoing war and the struggling economy. We are ready to handle any such influx.

Currently, there are many bills before the legislature that will have an impact on the services offered to the veterans of Massachusetts and their dependents. Some will affect the office a great deal and others probably won't be as significant. We are constantly watching the progress of the bills, and will be ready to act on them if passed.

Respectively submitted,

Armen Amerigian

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Veterans' Services Officer

REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Robert A. Sullivan, School Committee Member

Overview

The Southeastern Regional School District offers twenty-six vocational/technical training programs at its four-year high school and full-year post-secondary program at the Southeastern Technical Institute. On October 1, 2006, there were 1,190 students enrolled in the high school, 132 adults were enrolled in the day program and over 300 attended the many evening programs. There are 46 students attending from West Bridgewater.

High School

The Southeastern Regional High School offers twenty-one vocational-technical programs for the high school students who attend the school from Brockton, East Bridgewater, Easton, Foxborough, Mansfield, Norton, Sharon, Stoughton and West Bridgewater. The school's mission is to unite our learning community by teaching and developing the skills, knowledge and attitudes necessary to lead lives of responsibility and achievement.

Southeastern Regional High School graduated 239 students last June and had 98% of the seniors pass the state required MCAS test. The Class of 2007 graduates had ninety-eight percent placement in full-time jobs, the military or post-secondary education.

Southeastern academics have continued to be strengthened over the past year. Tenth grade MCAS scores in mathematics went up 6%, and English scores have risen as well. Southeastern sent their first teacher to advanced placement training in order to plan for AP Literature and Composition. Additionally, physics was added as a science class for seniors, and junior/senior remediation courses were added for students who have not yet passed MCAS. In terms of curriculum, Southeastern has further developed district-level common assessments across content areas, and continues to focus on using data to revise curriculum and provide individual student support.

The school has a new website (www.sersd.org) and is proud of the technology available to the students and faculty. The current student to computer ratio is 1.4 to 1. The school is also proud of the many SmartBoards which are available in the classrooms to facilitate teaching our students by captivating their attention.

The Program Advisory Committees, comprised of industry representatives, parents and students, met in the fall and spring to discuss and provide recommendations to assist the high school and Technical Institute to stay current with technology and other progress in their fields.

Southeastern Regional, like other district high schools, offers a wide range of interscholastic sports programs at all levels for boys and girls and competes in the Mayflower League. In the fall of 2006, one of our students won the State Vocational Cross Country Championship and then competed and placed in the top 50 of the nation in

the Junior Olympics held in Oregon. The boys' basketball team was the Boys' Mayflower League undefeated champions with a 16-0 record and lost the South Sectional Championship game to the defending state champions. The school began a lacrosse club team last year and plans to have a Varsity lacrosse team competing in this year's Massachusetts Vocational Lacrosse League.

Tech Prep, a program designed to provide students with a wide variety of activities and opportunities to explore postsecondary educational options as well as career opportunities, had over 200 participants. They participated in such varied activities as career and college workshops, college placement testing and admissions counseling, leadership training, college and business tours and summer technology camp. Many students completed college courses after school through programs at Massasoit Community College and Bristol Community College as well as during the summer. Southeastern students matriculating at post-secondary institutions were also eligible for articulated credit. Tech Prep's initiatives, open to all registered students with good academic and behavioral records at Southeastern, seek to encourage students to make choices academically and in their vocational programs that will lead to successful college and career experiences.

There are also many extra curricular activities such as clubs, community service programs, and the traditional honor societies to assist students in our nine communities to develop mind and body. Several Southeastern students medaled in the Massachusetts SkillsUSA district and state competitions. The SkillsUSA state president is a student at Southeastern.

Technical Institute

Southeastern Technical Institute, the adult and community educational component of the Southeastern Regional School District, provides five full-time day diploma programs, five part-time diploma and certificate programs, and three semesters of evening school classes each year to the southeast communities. STI serves over 132 adults in the day programs and over 300 adults in the evening programs. The school's mission is to provide adults with the education and skills for gainful, meaningful employment. To accomplish this, STI is constantly investigating new and emerging career paths, working with community agencies and employers to define the skills needed for employment in a career field with employment potential, advancement, and growth.

The evening school has classes scheduled Monday through Thursday. We continue to recruit new evening school teachers and look for new programs. Classes range from one-night seminars to two and three night per week courses. Last year, we again offered computer courses for the senior citizens of the district.

Two new programs were developed in 2006 and are now in the implementation phase. The Massage Therapy program began in October with seven students. The program met three nights per week and some Saturdays. The first class graduated in late June, 2007. Also, a Health Claims Specialist program is being developed with introductory classes in

Medical Terminology, Anatomy and Physiology and Introduction to Medical Coding offered in the Evening School program brochure.

Southeastern Technical Institute also worked closely with area businesses offering customized training to meet the needs of area companies in Machine Technology, CNC, Electrical and Plumbing apprenticeship classes, Electronics, and HVAC. More and more companies are recognizing the valuable resources of the expert teaching staff and facilities available at STI.

Southeastern has also partnered with community agencies such as CareerWorks, Pine Street Inn, Mass Rehab, Displaced Homemakers, Department of Employment and Training, and the Workforce Investment Board offering educational programs in Machine technology, carpentry, plumbing and HVAC.

Southeastern students and staff have completed thousands of hours in community service as part of their educational experience. The Practical Nursing programs, both day and evening, Dental Assisting, Medical Assisting, Administrative Office Technology, and Massage Therapy all have internships/clinical experiences as part of the curriculum requirement for graduation.

Southeastern Technical Institute is developing a new image campaign and logo. We are now STI, with a new blue and white logo and our slogans," How Much Are You Worth?" and "Your Career Begins Today". The STI logo and slogan are featured in all our ads, publications, and our new website (ti.sersd.org).

The 2006 – 2007 school year brought much recognition to STI. The school year began with a national accrediting team from the American Dental Association Commission on Dental Accreditation evaluating the Dental Assisting program and gave the program a perfect score and recertified the program for ten years. In June, a Dental Assisting student, Beverly Hutchins, was chosen as the Post- Secondary Student of the Year for the state of Massachusetts.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR OF THE WEST BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY

The highlight of the year 2007 was implementing the 'Tweens and Teens Grant from the Library Services and Technology Act through the Mass. Board of Library Commissioners. This grant programming for educational and cultural enrichment appeals to sixty children from the Howard School and the Middle High School. This library project established an active Youth Advisory Board called the West Bridgewater Teens Club that met throughout the year with Nanette Ryan, Children's Librarian, and Michelle Sheehan, Assistant Children's Librarian. Seventeen teens and 'tweens assisted in planning and implementing dynamic after school programs including a weekly game room. A new "My Own Café" local website was created through SEMLS for the interest of the teens. The award is $7,500 in each of the two years of the project ending October 2008.

The second reason for excitement is the implementation of the awarded Equal Access Grant. This was developed by Libraries for the Future, the programming branch of the Americans for Libraries Council, a national non-profit organization for the purpose of promoting new approaches to sustaining and developing libraries in the 21st century. The Public Library earned the Health Access Grant and the Youth Access Grant in October 2007. There is a one-year period to promote healthy communities through strengthening capacities. Provisions are for health and wellness information, activities for all ages, honorariums for programming, and books and multi-media for youth. Decisions on programming for youth are made with the input from the Teen Advisory Board. The two aspects of the grant equally shared $5,000.

"Catch the Beat at Your Library", the summer reading program theme, attracted 350 children for a successful summer of reading and program activities. The end of summer Ice Cream Sundae Party brought Big Ryan's Tall Tales to town with a bicycle raffle with the prize donated by Estabrook & Chamberlain Insurance. Two $ 50 savings bonds were given by Bridgewater Savings Bank. The Harry Potter book sale and magic show at the Harry Potter party held on a Friday night in July attracted 145 teens and 'tweens. Inez Stein instructed 40 children and 15 adults in the hula dance at the Hula Party. The Dr. DJ Tad Travis event was held outdoors with 75 children participating in karaoke singing, contests, and games. Summer programs continued with robot demos, pony care with Oreo the Pony and Karen Douglas of Stonecroft Farm, rhythms of the ocean, rhythms of the night, and Cooking with Katie.

During the rest of the year the Children's Department hosted a variety of programs for children, parents, and caregivers. Author Linda E. Williams who wrote Werful and the Captain gave a reading and book signing and a donation of her new book. Buttonwood Zoo came to do a story time with Jen. Animal World made a presentation with Matt Gabriel with hands on experience where the children were instructed on how to hold a ferret, bearded lizard, gecko, a tarantula, and a rabbit. Todd Brodeur, a world class Frisbee champion, showed kids his tricks in a Frisbee demo outdoors. A 4H baby sitter course was taught by Miss Nanette with Sandy White, a West Bridgewater registered nurse, giving the first aid instruction part. A name book workshop

with Jeannie was a creative writing program based on the child's name, personality, and hobbies. A favorite program was the Haunted Happenings Hallowe'en Costume Party held on Friday night, Oct. 19 at 7:30 PM. Eighty children attended. Rona Leventhal told scary stories. Themed refreshments were offered. A haunted house was created in the non-fiction stacks. Scary decorations abounded throughout the building. Trivia and other contests tested skills.

Community Service volunteer hours by a West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High School student and one home schooled student were supervised by Nanette Ryan in the Children's Room in conjunction with the National Honor Society. The students who gave their time were Christie Testa and Emaleigh Robson. The fourth, fifth, and sixth graders from the Howard School continue to utilize the WBPL during monthly morning library class visits with School Librarian, Mrs. Dowling. One hundred kindergarten children were welcomed to the Library in November and introduced to library services. The children were able to sign up for their own library cards.

The Senior Citizen Volunteer Program saw Barbara Reid and Roberta Maraglia sharing the weekly duties in the school year as after school monitors. Tom Fiorentino made many improvements in the Library as Handyman in the Senior Citizen volunteer program. Irene White worked as a volunteer throughout the year creating record files for the Director. Anne Gillis with her friends Mary Julius, Dorna Bevis, and Jo-Ann Daxberger planted and maintained the beauty of the English garden located at the side entrance.

The Library has built a collection of materials numbering 76,162 and received 6,097 new items in the year. Circulation in the year was 59,844 up 3,276 transactions from last year. There are 4,874 registered borrowers of whom 3,546 are West Bridgewater residents. 219 West Bridgewater patrons were added in 2007. The Library website is www.sailsinc.org/westbridgewater. On the website there are links to Library Calendar of All Events and the bimonthly Library Newsletter, HeddaLines, edited by Webmaster, Assistant Reference Librarian, Karen Ross who joined the staff in September. Karen Wilbur, Library Assistant, joined the staff in February.

There were many improvements made to the seventeen year old building. A new concrete side porch and steps were poured in May. A new updated dryvit system was installed around the doors and windows in October by Ramco Co.

The Library thanks the Friends of the Library and all the volunteers for the full schedule of fascinating lectures, the museum pass program, and the continuation of the Reading Is Fundamental (R.I.F.) program. Friends membership dues, receipts from the ongoing book sale, and private donations funded the R.I.F. distribution of paperback books to the students in grades one through five in the town in January, May, and October. Over 22,900 books have been distributed in this program since its start in 1989.

The Library Staff joins me in thanking the citizens of West Bridgewater who continuously support the Public Library. We appreciate that residents recognize that library services are an integral part of community life.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Roll Smith

Beth Roll Smith
Library Director

West Bridgewater Public Library

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Library Trustees Annual Report Letter 2007

To the Honorable Board of Selectman, elected officials and residents of the Town of West Bridgewater:

The Library Board of Trustees takes great pleasure in presenting our 2007 annual report.

We are pleased to report that the year 2007 was another busy and successful year for our public library. The staff continued to provide exceptional levels of core library services to all of our patrons. The staff also continued to implement many new programs and services to further interest, entertain and educate our patrons. These very popular programs and services are often tailored to special interests, young adults and children. The accompanying report of the library director describes many of these programs and services in greater detail. However, since these programs and services change regularly, we encourage all residents to visit the library and learn more about the programs and services currently available.

We would like to take this opportunity to recognize that the success of our library is due to the support we receive from our community. In that regard, we wish to offer our gratitude to all who support our efforts, including our elected officials, our fellow town residents, our patrons, our volunteers, our staff and of course the Friends of the Library.

The Board of Library Trustees usually meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the historical room of the library. However, dates and times can be confirmed at town hall or at the public library itself. We invite all to attend our meetings and participate in the administration of our library.

Respectfully Submitted,

George G. Hardiman, Chairman
Molly Smith, Vice Chairman
Jim Moore, Secretary
Robert A. Sullivan, Member
Richard Adams, Member
Sue Moore, Member

April 18, 2008

COUNCIL ON AGING

Town of West Bridgewater

To the Honorable Board of Selectman & Residents of the Town of West Bridgewater:
As Director of Elder Services, I submit this Annual Report of the Council on Aging for the year ending December 31, 2007. I am happy to repeat my feelings of last year -- the Senior Tax Workoff Program continues to be very well received by the Town departments & the Senior Citizens who participate -- the WBCOA is a wonderful place for anyone to be involved – come join us.

Phone Calls for Information and Referrals	3,792	
Senior Tax Workoff Program	23	
Congregate Meals Served (duplicated)	5,252	
Fuel Assist., Food Stamps, Mass. Health Applic. (Senior & non-Senior)	87	
**Dial A Bat Trips (duplicated)	819	
COA Shuttle Client Trips (duplicated)	3,819	
Home Delivered Meals on Wheels (dup.)	4,136	
Recreational Trips	DAY	OVERNIGHT
	22	7
Medicare Applicants	8	
Supportive Care Clients	32	
Line Dancing Program participants (duplicated)	793	
Bridge Club (duplicated)	1,803	
Cribbage (duplicated)	257	
Outreach Contacts	968	
Flu Clinic Participation	110	
Blood Pressure Test participants (duplicated)	198	
S.erving H.ealth I.nformation N.eeds of E.lders	65	
Tai Chi participants	30	
Education & Senior Outreach Programs	8	
Outreach Client Referrals	26	
Mah Jongg participants	23	
Knitting & Craft Club participants	14	
Bingo participants (duplicated)	3,594	
Special events	7	
Swedish Weaving	26	
Quilting Class participants	8	
Strength & Fitness Class participants	85	
Senior Expo	108	

Thank you,

Mary Harrington Graf
Director of Elder Services

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER
OFFICE OF BOARD OF HEALTH
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Report of the Animal Inspector

Inspectors of Animals, Lans & Lee Anderson perform yearly inspections of farms. The Bureau of Animal Health appoints municipal animal inspectors for each and every city and town in the Commonwealth. The primary duty of the Animal Inspector has recently become rabies control in the domestic animal population. Municipal Animal Inspectors are also responsible for barn inspections and may be called to assist with domestic animal disease quarantines in the event of an outbreak.

The Inspector of Animals is responsible for quarantine of Animals that may suspect of rabies. Rabies is a viral disease that can affect all mammals, including humans. The virus attacks the central nervous system and can be secreted in saliva. Because rabies affects people as well as animals, control of this disease has become a top priority for the Bureau of Animal Health. With the cooperation of the Department of Public Health and the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, every angle of potential rabies exposures gets covered in order to prevent further rabies infections.

The Inspectors of Animals report for this year 2007 the following amount of animals in West Bridgewater.

Beef -22
Horses/Ponies – 329
Steer/Oxon – 3
Sheep/Goats – 39
Chicken- 476
Cattle – 220
Swine – 46
Waterfoul – 476
Rabbits – 8
Llamas – 5
Turkey – 1000
Donkey/Mule - 1

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Office of Board of Health

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Board of Health
Town Report for 2007

The purpose of public health systems is to preserve and protect the health of entire populations and promote health status improvements for all.

The West Bridgewater Board of Health consists of an office secretary, Health Agent, and 3 elected members.

We are the licensing authority for restaurants, supermarkets, convenience stores, tattoo parlors, tanning and massage business, mobile home parks, septic installers, and septic haulers.

The Health Agent performed 156 routine food service inspections at restaurants, schools, and retail stores. These inspections are not only for cleanliness but for the storage and disposal of food, temperatures, and handling practices. In addition to routine inspections complaints are investigated and rectified. New establishments and ones changing ownership are inspected prior to the license being issued.

The Health agent reviews all Title V inspection reports submitted to the office, he witnesses all percolation test performed for new septic installations and repairs. There were 34 septic repairs permitted as well as new construction and each system has a minimum of 2 site inspections during construction. The agent also responds to any complains of outbreak and odor. Pumping records are on file and reviewed to avoid any health hazards. The Health Department continues to offer the Loan Betterment Program. This program funds low interest loans thru the State of MA. To residents, for the purpose of upgrading failed septic systems, this program is not intended for preparing a home to be sold.

With the cooperation of the Fire Department the Board continues the Sharps Program. During the year of 2007 we accepted the used sharps and lancets at our office while the new fire station was under construction. It is illegal and fines can be imposed if sharps or lancets are disposed of in the trash. This program ensures the residents of a proper place for disposal.

The Health Department in conjunction with the Emergency Preparedness Coalition is responsible for preparing and overseeing plans to handle terrorist situations as well as

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epidemic and pandemic illnesses. Town residents interested in volunteering on this task force should contact the Board of health @ 508-894-1209.

The Health Dept. funds a contract with Partners Health Care Inc. Partners delivers a number of health services to the residence of our town. They offer the blood pressure clinic the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Town Hall and on the 2nd Wed of each month at the Council on Aging. A flu clinic is sponsored once a year. Partners follows up on communicable diseases reported in town with home visits and assists residents in managing health situations. We thank our nurse, Doreen Zeller for her continued commitment to our residents.

Our Department continues to sponsor the dog and cat rabies vaccination clinics held each April. We thank Dr. Neil Andleman of Westbridge Veterinary Hospital for his donation of the vaccine and his assistance. This program has been a great success due to his attentive efforts.

During the year the threat of EEE has diminished some what but is still monitored closely. MRSA (Methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aures) came into the news and was addressed with the school nurse, athletic dept. and local gyms. The proposed Brockton Power Plant continues to be a concern an informative meetings have been attended by Board of Health members.

We would like to thank Town Departments, Boards and the Department of Environmental Protection for their cooperation and assistance. We thank the residents for giving us the opportunity to serve on the Board of Health and would encourage anyone with a concern to call our office.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Cruz, Chairman
Linda J. Simpson, Clerk
Richard P. Harris, Member

2007 Report of the Conservation Commission

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of the town of West Bridgewater; the Conservation Commission respectfully submits its annual report for 2007.

The Conservation Commission consists of five volunteer members and two alternate members appointed by the Selectmen, whose primary purpose is to uphold and protect the interests and values of the Wetland Protection Act, the Rivers Protection Act, and the town's Wetland Protection Bylaws. This was the first full year of service by alternate members; the Commission has benefited greatly from the strengths that additional volunteers bring to the board.

The Commission met in the town hall on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday evening of each month with the exception of July, holding twenty-two Open Public Meeting Nights and seven Executive Sessions in 2007. There were eighty-five advertised and continued Public Hearings during the year, as well as forty-six open meeting discussions on various issues before the board. The Commission also conducted dozens of site walks in connection with these matters.

Commission members and staff continued professional training at workshops and seminars through out the year, including those offered by Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissioners and specialized sessions from the Department of Environmental Protection.

In the spring of 2007 the Conservation Commission began a pilot Internship Program with two students from Bridgewater State College Department of Geography to update the Conservation Land Inventory (those 68 properties listed by the town Assessors by deed as 'under the care and control' of the Conservation Commission) and create a database with this information. Seniors Mike Carr and Nathan Farnum located the Assessors' field cards and visited each property, designed and imported that information into the computer database that they set up, and provided specialized GIS maps for the Commission's use.

In the fall of 2007 the Conservation Land Inventory project was taken one step further with WBHS senior Jesse Palmieri conducting a baseline ecological survey on several of the properties, to itemize needed management and maintenance issues for the Commission.

The Commission received three new property deeds in 2007, for *Beaverton Woods* on West Center Street (a gift from the Al Richards' Family) *Trucchi's Landing* on East Center Street (gifted by David Trucchi) and for property on Clinton Road.

In May, under the direction of Chair Tom Tyrrell, the Commissioners volunteered to renovate the overgrown garden on the Stone Canoe Island in the Town River by War Memorial Park. It was a lot of work and remains a mowing challenge. The Commission appreciates the generous monetary support townspeople gave this beatification project.

At this same time, a contest was held within the public school system to name the new conservation property that Al Richards gifted to the town; student Amelia Tayeh's entry of *Beaverton Woods* was selected.

The board again expresses appreciation to volunteer Dorna Bevis who, under the Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-off Abatement Program, puts away the many files.

The Conservation Commission office remains open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, the board continues in their goal to be people-friendly, always looking for ways to help the general public understand the importance of balancing wetland protection and conservation with sound economic growth.

In addition to meeting the demand of wetland permitting and to responsibly manage the conservation properties, goals for the coming year include continuing conservation outreach within the WB school system, working with BSC Internship Program, and to develop environmental educational programs for the school children in town; a Vernal Pool Event and a Fishing Clinic are planned for spring 2008.
Respectfully submitted,

Tom Tyrrell, Chair
Dick Weatherby, Vice Chair

Members:
Lee Anderson
Kevin Parker
Paula Bethoney

Alternate Members
Tim Hay
Jack Connolly

Kitty Doherty, Secretary

INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS/ZONING OFFICER

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REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS
ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of West Bridgewater:

I submit the following 2007 Annual Report for the Building Department, which reflects growth and the continued enforcement of our By-laws in the interest of public safety throughout the Town.

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION		CONSTRUCTION VALUE	
10	Dwellings	$	2,246,108.25
3	Mfg. Homes	$	300,000.00
20	Additions, Alterations	$	1,149,573.00
162	Incidental Construction	$	1,453,829.07
8	Swimming Pools	$	65,400.00
33	Mechanical	$	24,227.60
33	Zoning		
		$	5,239,137.92

COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION			
6	New Buildings	$	3,838,000.00
23	Additions, Alterations	$	6,776,800.00
30	Incidental Construction	$	977,600.00
47	Signs	$	111,421.00
12	Demolitions	$	50,000.00
		$	11,753,821.00
CONSTRUCTION VALUE TOTAL		$	16,992,958.92

Total Fees collected and deposited to the general fund	$	100,540.34
Fees collected on Plumbing/Gas Permits	$	15,945.00
Fees collected on Electrical Permits	$	21,243.00
Total Fees	$	137,728.34

In closing, I want to sincerely thank my secretary & office coordinator, Karen Lavin, Inspector of Wiring, Kevin Greiner and Inspector of Plumbing & Gas, Joseph Donovan, Jr., for their continued effort and dedication.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul F. Stringham
Inspector of Buildings
Zoning Enforcement Officer

To residents of West Bridgewater, we the members of the West Bridgewater Planning Board submit this Annual report of activities for the year 2007.

Twenty-four (24) meetings were held on the first and third Wednesday of each month throughout the year. There were two (2) Special meetings held. There were five (5) Form A plans approved. The Planning Board has approved, and is presently monitoring ten (10) Subdivisions, which are under various stages of completion. They are also monitoring five (5) Commercial projects. The Board has held discussions on other possible residential and commercial projects. Five (5) Site Plans with Special Permits were approved and/or granted. Four (4) Site Plans were reviewed and forwarded to the Zoning Board of Appeals for their action.

The Planning Board held five (5) public hearings for zoning changes and forwarded their recommendations to Town Meeting.

The Board has met many times with residents and property owners to advise them on the use of their property. For the fourth year, the Board is striving to get Town Meeting acceptance of many streets and roadways. When passed, this will increase the M.G.L. Chapter 90 (road repair) funds that will be paid to the Town. The Planning Board reminds taxpayers, that a street is not accepted until it is voted at Town Meeting.

The Planning Board would like to thank the Town Boards and Departments for their help and cooperation throughout the year. In closing, we would like to thank the residents of West Bridgewater for their interest in our town by attending our meetings. We invite participation at all meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Hugh Hurley, Chairman

Howard A. Anderson, Vice Chairman

Gerald E. Stetson, Clerk

Grete Bohannon, Member

Anthony Kinahan, Member

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and residents of West Bridgewater, the Board of Assessors submits their Annual report.

We have seen property values dropping in 2007, which will be reflected in the 2009 three year town wide revaluation.

We have completed our interim revaluation as mandated by the State. We have new business growth and the future looks good for more. We have worked with the Board of Selectmen to maintain a steady tax rate.

The Assessors have a booklet available showing what your Assessors can do and can not do with respect to the taxes you pay. The Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) tightly controls your Board of Assessors; nothing is done without following their rules and guidelines.

The Assessors office is run by the Board of Assessors, with Stephen Dunn as principal Assessor and Head Clerk, Donna Cotter, and Senior Clerk, Jean Upton, making up the clerical staff. All members and staff are certified by the DOR.

The Board of Assessors funded the Senior Work Program from the overlay account for another year.

The Board of Assessors would like to thank the residents and taxpayers of West Bridgewater and all the Town Boards and Departments for their cooperation in helping us reach our goals and objectives.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen W. McCarthy, Chairman
Cheryl A. Smith, Member
Robert W. Lundin, Clerk

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

OFFICE OF BOARD OF APPEALS
WEST BRIDGEWATER, MA 02379

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of West Bridgewater,

The Zoning Board of Appeals is governed by Chapter 40A, as amended, and the Town of West Bridgewater Zoning By-Laws. Public hearings were held in the Town Hall Conference Room and were scheduled as hearing applications were received. Applications for appeals are available from the Town Clerk's office.

During 2007, the Board of Appeals held nineteen (19) Public Hearings. Results of these hearings are as follows:

Special Permits granted	9
Special Permits amended	1
Variances granted	9
Variances denied	1
Applications withdrawn	1

The Board of Appeals also held a hearing in which the decision of the Building Inspector was overturned.

The Board of Appeals would like to thank Town Counsel David Gay, all town officials, as well as all town departments for their cooperation and continued assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

William Lucini, Chairman
James Henderson, Vice Chairman
Lars (Gary) Eliasson
Armen Amerigian
Carolyn Ameno
Thomas Snell
Fred Hartblay

January 1, 2008

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of
West Bridgewater:

I herewith submit my Annual Report for the year ending
December 31, 2007.

During the calendar year 2007, a total of two hundred fifty-one (251) measuring devices were sealed, forty-seven (47) devices were adjusted, six (6) devices were marked Not Sealed (as such they cannot be used legally in trade). There were nine (9) devices condemned for failure to meet prescribed standards. One (1) scanning system consisting of six (6) scanners was tested. In addition, one (1) customer complaint was investigated and addressed.

The following is a summary of measuring devices inspected and tested:

Scales and Balances	
Over 10,000 pounds	None
5,000 to 10,000 pounds	3 Sealed
100 to 5,000 pounds	15 Sealed 2 Not Sealed 1 Condemned
Under 100 pounds	40 Sealed 4 Adjusted 2 Not Sealed 1 Condemned
Weights	
Avoirdupois	7 Sealed
Metric	None
Apothecary	None
Liquid Measuring Meters	
Gasoline	124 Sealed 43 Adjusted 2 Not Sealed 2 Condemned
Diesel Fuel	12 Sealed
Kerosene	1 Sealed
Spring Water	8 Sealed
Fabric Measuring Devices	
	34 Sealed 5 Condemned

Redemption Machines	6 Sealed
Scanner Systems	1 Tested

The following fees were assessed for the above inspections:

Sealing Fees	$4,771.00
Adjusting Fees	450.00
Total Fees	$5,221.00

All fees were collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer prior to the end of the calendar year.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Board of Selectmen and to the personnel in the various Town Offices for their continued cooperation in assisting me in carrying out my assigned duties.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert A. Wolfer
Sealer of Weights and Measures

REPORT OF PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

The Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project are pleased to submit the following report of our activities during 2007.

The Project is a special district created by the State Legislature in 1957, and is now composed of all Plymouth County towns, the City of Brockton, and the Town of Cohasset in Norfolk County. The Project is a regional response to a regional problem, and provides a way of organizing specialized equipment, specially trained employees, and mosquito control professionals into a single agency with a broad geographical area of responsibility.

The 2007 season began with a normal water table which decreased into the summer season. Efforts were directed at larval mosquitoes starting with the spring brood. Ground and aerial larviciding was accomplished using B.t.i., an environmentally selective bacterial agent. Upon emergence of the spring brood of mosquitoes, ultra-low volume adulticiding began on May 21, 2007 and ended on September 28, 2007. The Project responded to 12,191 requests for service from residents.

In response to the continued threat of mosquito borne diseases in the district, we increased our surveillance trapping, aerial and ground larviciding, and adult spray in areas of concern to protect public health.

Eastern Equine Encephalitis was first isolated from *Culiseta melanura*, a bird biting species, by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in Plympton (2 pools) on August 7, 2007. Of the season's total of thirty one EEE isolates, nineteen were from Plymouth County as follows: Halifax-8/13, 8/16(2), 8/27, 8/30, 9/26, Hanson – 9/5, Kingston – 8/13, 8/16(2), 8/27, 9/26, 10/5, Plympton – 8/7(2), Rockland – 9/26, West Bridgewater – 8/14(2), 8/22.

Based on guidelines defined by the "Vector Control Plan to Prevent EEE" in Massachusetts, nineteen Plymouth County towns were elevated from moderate to "High Level of EEE Risk" effective August 20, 2007. We are pleased to report that in 2007 there were no human or horse EEE cases in Plymouth County.

West Nile Virus was also found within the district. A total of ten birds tested positive for WNV in the following seven towns: Bridgewater (3), Duxbury (1), East Bridgewater (1), Halifax (1), Hanson (1), Lakeville (1) and Middleboro (2). Approximately thirty birds were handled through this Project as a dead bird repository. A total of thirteen isolations of WNV in mosquitoes were found in the following towns: Abington - 8/28, Bridgewater - 8/27(4), 9/12, Hanson – 9/5, Kingston – 8/30, Middleboro – 8/20 and Rockland – 9/21.We are also pleased to report that in 2007 that there were no human or horse West Nile Virus cases in Plymouth County. As part of our West Nile Virus control strategy a total of 63,558 catch basins were treated with larvicide in all of our towns to prevent WNV.

The remaining problem of EEE and WNV continues to ensure cooperation between the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project, local Boards of Health and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. In an effort to keep the public informed, EEE and WNV activity updates are regularly posted on Massachusetts Department of Public Health website at www.state.ma.us/dph/wnv/wnv1.htm.

The figures specific to the Town of West Bridgewater are given below. While mosquitoes do not respect town lines the information given below does provide a tally of the activities which have had the greatest impact on the health and comfort of West Bridgewater residents.

Insecticide Application. 1,320 acres were treated using truck mounted sprayers for control of adult mosquitoes. More than one application was made to the same site if mosquitoes reinvaded the area. The first treatments were made in May and the last in September.

During the summer 792 catch basins were treated to prevent the emergence of *Culex pipiens,* a known mosquito vector in West Nile Virus transmission

Aerial Application. Larviciding woodland swamps by airplane before the leaves come out on the trees continues to be very effective. In West Bridgewater this year we aerially larvicided 840 acres.

Our greatest effort has been targeted at mosquitoes in the larval stage, which can be found in woodland pools, swamps, marshes and other standing water areas. Inspectors continually gather data on these sites and treat with highly specific larvicides when immature mosquitoes are present.

Water Management. During 2007 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 4,130 linear feet of ditches and streams to prevent overflows or stagnation that can result in mosquito breeding. This work, together with machine reclamation, is most often carried out in the fall and winter.

Finally, we have been tracking response time, which is the time between notice of a mosquito problem and response by one of our inspectors. The complaint response time in the Town of West Bridgewater was less than two days with more than 186 complaints answered.

Mosquito Survey. A systematic sampling for the mosquitoes in West Bridgewater indicates that *Cs. melanura* was the most abundant species. Other important species collected include *Cq. perturbans* and *Ae. vexans.*

We encourage citizens or municipal officials to visit our website at www.plymouthmosquito.com or call our office for information about mosquitoes, mosquito-borne diseases, control practices, or any other matters of concern.

Raymond D. Zucker
Superintendent

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John Kenney

REPORT OF THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater:

As your representatives to the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC), we are pleased to present this report on behalf of the Council for 2007.

The Old Colony Planning Council was established in 1967 by state statute and is authorized to prepare plans for the physical, social and economic development of the fifteen-member community region. OCPC is designated as: an Economic Development District by the U.S. Department of Commerce for the coordination of regional economic development activities; an Area Agency on Aging (AAA) by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to plan, manage and coordinate elder services in a twenty-three community service area; and, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to plan and program transportation and transit improvements for the region.

In addition to the above-designated responsibilities, the Council is concerned with a wide variety of area-wide and inter-municipal concerns as they pertain to the development of the Planning District. The Council also assists its member municipalities with technical planning, grant application preparation and current local and regional trends socioeconomic information.

During the past year, the Council completed work on the 2007 Long Range Regional Transportation Plan, which identifies transportation project needs in the OCPC region, for the next twenty-five years; the Council also completed work on the Old Colony 2007 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS); the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) 2007 Area Plan Update; the FFY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); the Plympton GIS parcel mapping; the Route 3A Corridor Study in Kingston and Plymouth; The Route 28 Corridor Study in Avon, Brockton, West Bridgewater, and Bridgewater; the Easton Circulation Study; the OCPC 2007 DataBook; the BAT - FY 2007 Ridership Analysis; BAT – Old Colony Human Service Coordination Plan; BAT - Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP); BAT - Title VI Plan; and numerous Intersection/Technical Studies. This past year, the Council also provided technical assistance to member communities on expedited permitting; conducted traffic counts at approximately 200 locations throughout the region; updated the OCPC Policy Plan; and continued participation in the New Bedford/Fall River Commuter Rail Taskforce. OCPC is also working with the Massachusetts Department of Environment Protection (DEP), the Regional Wastewater Committee including the towns of Avon, East Bridgewater, Easton, West Bridgewater and the City of Brockton on the Upper Taunton Wastewater feasibility Study. OCPC also administered the Septic Loan Program for Hanson and Kingston. The Area Agency on Aging provided approximately 101,000 vehicle miles of volunteer Transportation; 2,100 hours of legal services; and approximately 500,000 meals to the seniors.

Each member community of the Council is represented by one delegate and one alternate member. The Council members establish policy, develop the work program, and employ and oversee the activities of the professional staff. The Council meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the OCPC offices located at 70 School Street, Brockton, MA. In 2007, the Council elected Jeanmarie Kent Joyce of Easton as Council President; Robert Moran, Jr. of Brockton as Council Treasurer; and, Lee Hartmann of Plymouth as Council Secretary. Pasquale Ciaramella serves as Executive Director of the Council.

The Council gratefully acknowledges the generous support and cooperation of its member communities and the participation and involvement of the many individuals who participate as members of committees. Special thanks are extended to Joint Transportation Committee Chair Noreen O'Toole; Comprehensive Economic Development Committee Chair Mary Waldron; and, the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee Chair James Taylor for their dedication, commitment and leadership during the year. The Council also recognizes the work of local boards and commissions and the government agencies, public and private institutions and individuals who assisted the Council in its efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
Eldon Moreira, Delegate
Matthew Striggles, Delegate At-Large

Southeastern Regional Services Group
2007 Annual Report

The Southeastern Regional Services Group (SERSG) was initiated in 1993 with a mission "to serve as a catalyst and implementer for member communities that desire to act jointly to solve governmental problems or to deliver services to their citizens more effectively or efficiently."

The eighteen member communities of SERSG benefit from shared administrative services provided by a regional administrator. Lara Thomas has served as regional administrator of SERSG since 2004. SERSG's work is supported by dues from the member communities, and dues have remained at the same level since 2003.

Annual procurements designed to save municipalities time and money are a major part of SERSG's services. Cooperative procurements for Paper, Office Supplies and DPW Supplies and Water and Sewer Treatment Chemicals were held in the spring of 2007 and for DPW Services in the fall of 2007.

West Bridgewater was able to realize savings of more than $75,000 off list prices for office supplies for Fiscal Year 2007 through the SERSG Office Supplies Contract.

Additionally, the town pays just $44.60 per ton for hot mix and $50.70 for in-place bituminous concrete (paving services) while the State contract price is $50-52 per ton for just the asphalt. Based on estimated quantities for hot mix and paving , West Bridgewater is saving more than $8,000 per year through the SERSG DPW Contracts.

This year Ms. Thomas was invited to present before a meeting of the Commonwealth's Municipal Cabinet in Hyannis in October. Lieutenant Governor Tim Murray, Division of Local Services Director Bob Nunes and other cabinet members from key agencies serving the needs of municipal government were interested in SERSG's work, particularly as they initiate conversations about possible regionalization efforts.

Construction on the Aquaria Pipeline Project began in 2007, and Ms. Thomas' role on the project became one of overseeing the work of the Community Relations Consultant and the Construction Supervisor hired by the Pipeline Committee. Significant work was completed in Taunton, West Bridgewater and Easton, and construction should be complete in spring of 2008.

Finally, monthly meetings of the Board of Directors and the Highway Superintendents continued to provide valuable opportunities for representatives from member communities to share concerns and receive ideas and feedback about a wide variety of issues affecting municipalities.

REPORT OF PARTNERS HOME CARE, INC.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of West Bridgewater

On behalf of Partners Home Care, Inc., we are pleased to submit our annual report for 2007.

Partners Home Care, Inc. a non-profit Medicare certified agency, serves West Bridgewater residents, offering skilled nursing, physical, occupational and speech therapy services, medical social work, nutrition counseling, and home health aide assistance. Partners Home Care, Inc. continues to meet the highest standards of excellence fulfilling the mission of providing quality home health care to those in need.

Besides assisting our patients with a variety of home health services, Partners Home Care, Inc. offers many community programs including wellness programs, health promotion screenings, nutrition seminars, caregivers support groups and health education seminars.

Highlights of public health activities for 2007 include increased communicable disease surveillance, successful flu/pneumonia immunizations; adult and pediatric immunization clinics for the community; Tb tests and readings; blood pressure clinics; glucose screenings; weekly office hours and monthly health clinics whereby residents may obtain health screening and counseling. PHC also serves as a depot for state distributed vaccine. Community health programs were presented this year including provision of a babysitting training course and participated in the West Bridgewater senior expo. The PHC public health nurse represents the West Bridgewater Board of Health at Massachusetts DPH Immunization Update, MA DPH Tb update, MA DPH Infectious Disease Update, Surveillance, Reporting and Control; and, maintains current CDC Emergency Preparedness/Bio-terrorism information. Confidential communicable disease surveillance as mandated by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health is conducted on a regular basis.

Ongoing communication regarding public health activities and initiative continues with Board of Health, the public schools and town agencies and departments. The following is a summary of the activities:

Clinics	188	BP Screening	255
Communicable Disease follow-up	31	Blood Sugar Screening	13
Flu Immunizations	232	Tb Testing/Reading	3 / 3

In addition, visits were made to West Bridgewater residents by PHC staff through Medicare, Medicaid or third party insurer. The array of regular, specialty and supportive services provided include:

Skilled Nursing	Occupational Therapy	Physical Therapy
Speech Language Therapy	Home Health Aide Services	Medical Social Worker
Education & Support Groups	Private Health Care Services	Case Management
Cardiac Care	Alzheimer's Disease Care	Rehabilitation Nursing
Parkinson's Program	Complex Wound Care	Diabetes Education
Oncology Care	Mental Health	Homemaker / Companion
Maternal Child Health		Telehealth

Partners Home Care extends sincere appreciation to West Bridgewater for their support over the past year. It is through the contract with our local government/Board of Health, the generosity of area businesses and our loyal townspeople that we can ensure the provisions of community health programs and medically necessary home services to those who need them.

Working together, we can successfully meet the health care needs of our community and enhance services offered to the residents of West Bridgewater.

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen Zeller, RN

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
ANNUAL REPORT
July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2007

The role of Plymouth County Cooperative Extension is to deliver research-based information to Plymouth County residents through non-formal methods. The Plymouth County Extension staff work in concert with UMass Amherst Faculty and Extension staff on behalf of Plymouth County residents, UMass Extension and the United States Department of Agriculture, to provide valuable information in Extension's four major program areas: Agriculture and Landscape; 4-H Youth and Family Development; Nutrition Education; and Natural Resources & Environmental Conservation. The Extension System is supported by County, Federal and State funds, and operates under Federal and State laws and agreements. Local citizens, appointed by the Plymouth County Commissioners, serve as Plymouth County Cooperative Extension Trustees, directing the overall program. Volunteer advisory groups work with Extension staff on developing programs.

Cooperative Extension resources and programs for Plymouth County residents include: sustainable garden lectures, fruit pruning demonstrations; research, information and educational programs on pests like the winter moth caterpillar; pesticide applicator training & licensing exams; the annual UMass Extension Garden Calendar; landscape and horticultural training and resources for municipal employees and green industry professionals; 4-H Science and Technology workshops; accredited overnight 4-H summer camps; 4-H animal science summer day workshops; 4-H Life Skills Training. New research findings are translated into practical applications and shared with residents and communities through workshops, conferences, field demonstrations, radio and television, local libraries, technical assistance, and newspaper articles. Publications such as newsletters, booklets, and fact sheets bring information directly to those who need it. Additional information is delivered through office visits, phone calls, and UMass-Amherst Extension web access www.umassextension.org .

The Plymouth County Extension office is located at 266 High St., P.O. Box 658, Hanson MA 02341 (781-293-3541; 781-447-5946) plyctyext@mindspring.com. Regional Extension programs are often conducted in Southeastern Massachusetts.

UMass Extension also operates the Cranberry Experiment Research Station, located in Wareham and the Nutrition Education Program, located in Brockton.

Members of the Plymouth County Staff:

Samuel Fox, 4-H Youth and Family Development Program
Molly Vollmer, 4-H Youth and Family Development Program
Deborah C. Swanson, Landscape, Nursery and Urban Forestry Program
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Executive Director

December 26, 2007

REPORT TO THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

During the program year ending September 30, 2007 Self Help, Inc., received a total funding of approximately $19 and provided direct services to 27,938 limited income households in the area.

In the TOWN OF WEST BRIDEWATER Self Help, Inc. provided services totaling $296,279 to 858 households during program year 2007.

Self Help's total funding of $19,059,457 does not tell the real value of services delivered to the area as a whole. This funding enabled us to mobilize an additional $1,535,342 of other community resources such as, volunteers, donations of space, and private donations in the form of goods and services. Therefore, the total impact of Self Help, Inc., during the past program year was $20,595,799.

In addition, Self Help currently employs 250 individuals. Many of these individuals are of limited income, and most reside in our service area.

We feel that October 1, 2006 through September 30, 2007 was a successful program year for us because we were able to assist as many individuals and/or families as we did, regardless of the challenges of being a human service provider.

We thank the Town of West Bridgewater and its representative to our board, Ms. Theresa McNulty, and all the volunteers for helping us to make fiscal year 2007 a successful one.

Respectfully submitted,
Norma Wang
Executive Assistant/Human Resource Manager

Avon Site: Central Administration (508) 588-0447 • Community Partnerships for Children (508) 559-1666
Attleboro Site: Fuel Assistance • Client Services (508) 226-4192 • Head Start (508) 226-2030
Brockton Sites: Energy Conservation (508) 580-4481 • Family & Parenting Center (508) 559-8821
Fuel Assistance (508) 588-5440 • Head Start 370 Howard St. (508) 587-1716
Lead Abatement (508) 584-4755 • MELD (508) 559-8704 • TTY (508) 587-6118

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Town of West Bridgewater
Police Department
West Bridgewater, Massachusetts 02379

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of West Bridgewater, as Chief of Police, I submit my annual report on the West Bridgewater Police Department for the year 2007.

This past year has been very difficult for the entire department. As a result of the second floor addition and remodel of the first floor, we were forced to move out of the building in early February. We worked out of a trailer in the front parking lot. We were fortunate that the Town of East Bridgewater allowed us to house our prisoners in their lock-up facilities. The patrol staff was able to re-occupy the first floor in mid September. At this time, the finishing of the building is almost complete. It is a state of the art facility that will serve the department and the town for many years. I would like to thank the citizens of the town and the Board of selectmen for their support. I would also like to thank Victor Flaherty Sr. and Det/Sgt. Victor Flaherty Jr. for their efforts to get this project completed. Victor Sr. volunteered as project manager and has spent the last eighteen months overseeing every aspect of this project. His knowledge and expertise served the town well during this process. Det/Sgt. Flaherty worked on all aspects from the department's perspective. A job well done by both men and I thank them.

We appointed a new full time police officer. Officer Edward O'Brien was appointed and graduated from the Plymouth Police Academy in September. He replaced Officer Richard Warmington. Officer Warmington retired in July after serving more than forty years of dedicated and faithful service to the town. I thank him for his service and wish him the very best in his retirement.

Three officers received the MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) award. Sergeant Gregory Ames, Officer Daniel Desmond and Officer Timothy Pope were all recognized for their efforts to combat drunk driving. Congratulations to all three officers.

I owe a special thanks to all of the officers on this department. Their dedication and hard work continue to make West Bridgewater a safe place to live and work. I know that our jobs become more difficult as budget constraints continue to strain our resources.

I herewith submit the annual report for the West Bridgewater Police Department for the year 2007.

Homicides.....0
Larceny.....108
Arrest (total).....289
Criminal Complaint (summons).....370
Protective Custody.....74
Assault.....24
Robbery.....8
Breaks (residential & commercial).....41
Rapes.....1
Attempted Rapes.....0
Indecent Assault & Battery.....0
Operating Under the Influence.....94
Open & Gross Lewdness.....1
Child Abuse.....1
Abuse Prevention Orders(209A) Served.....54
Domestic Abuse Calls.....42
Arson.....0

MISCELLANEOUS

Police, General Request For.....436
Mutual Aid.....72
Assist EMS.....471
Officers Assaulted.....3
Vehicles Stolen.....6
Vehicles Recovered.....10
Vandalism.....33
Alarms Answered.....586

Total calls for service.....8506

TRAFFIC

Investigated Accidents.....316
Fatal.....1
Non Investigated Accidents.....172

CITATIONS

Warnings.....483
Civil Violations.....399
Arrest.....153
Criminal Violations.....144
Total Violations.....1179

MONIES RECEIVED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER POLICE FOR 2007

Pistol Permit & FID Issued.....$6652.50
License to Sell Firearms and Ammunition.....0
Receipts from copies of police reports.....$1806.
Parking Fines & Brockton District Court Fines.....$73,328.01
Witness Fees & Summons Collected.....$21.

10% Surcharge on detail billing.....$20,909.67

Total.....$102,717.18

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald H. Clark
Chief

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Town of West Bridgewater
Police Department
West Bridgewater, Massachusetts 02379

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater, as the Chief of Police, I submit my annual report for the Animal Control Department for the year 2007.

Dog Licenses	955
Number taken to court, unlicensed dogs	17
Animal related calls	207
Kennel Costs	$955
Animal Control Officer cost	$600
Court Fines collected	$1315

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald H. Clark
Chief

TOWN OFFICES TELEPHONE NUMBERS
EMERGENCIES - DIAL 911

Town Departments	Phone Numbers
Accountant	894-1201
Assessors	894-1212
Board of Health	894-1209
Building	894-1207
Conservation	894-4073
Council on Aging	894-1262
Fire	586-3232
Forestry	894-1217
High School	894-1220
Highway	894-1216
Housing Authority	588-2781
Howard School	894-1250
Library	894-1255
Police	586-2525
Pupil Personnel	894-1236
Rose L. MacDonald School	894-1240
Selectmen	894-1267
Superintendent of Schools	894-1230
Tax/Treasurer	894-1203
Town Clerk	894-1200
Vehicle Maintenance	894-1218
Veterans	894-1200
Water Department	894-1271

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Annual Town Report
of the
Town Officers and Committees
of the
Town of West Bridgewater

for the year ending
December 31, 2008

South Street Bridge ~ *Constructed 2007-2008*
Also known as Tavern/Howard Bridge

THE 2008 TOWN REPORT
IS DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF

MARTHA M. LINDEN

ACCOUNTANT'S CLERK
SECRETARY TO THE VETERANS' AGENT
BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

This town report is also dedicated to all
Town Employees, past and present,
who continue to serve the Town of
West Bridgewater with dedication and pride.

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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen hereby submits its 187th Annual Town Report.

In 2008, Eldon F. Moreira was re-elected for his 10th term on the Board of Selectmen. Under reorganization Jerry D. Lawrence was elected Chairman; Matthew P. Albanese, Clerk; and Eldon F. Moreira, Member.

The Town welcomed many new businesses during 2008, including Atlantic Motors, Carriage House Salon and Spa, Chili's Bar and Grill, Good Times, Jacob's Auto Sales, Montreal French Fries, Sports Page Bar and Grill and Sunnyside Café. In an effort to stimulate further economic growth, the Board supported several rezoning initiatives to enable large corporations to come to Town. Selectmen Moreira worked closely with land owners to organize Town officials' meetings between realtors and perspective developers to ease the local permitting process. Hopefully, at least one developer, Bernardi Honda, will be coming to Town next year.

The Board also is exploring alternative energy sources that will be environmentally friendly and cost efficient. Selectmen Moreira encouraged the development of a solar panel farm in Town that would not only add to the tax base but would provide the Town more options in renewable energy. Further, the Board supported establishing an Alternative Energy Committee, which will begin studying various energy sources and available grants in 2009, and serve in an advisory capacity to the Selectmen.

In conjunction with the efforts of the Water Department, the Town participated in a national class action lawsuit regarding the fuel additive methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE). In the Fall, we were notified that we would receive in excess of $1 million. These funds were to mitigate any effect that MTBE may have had on our water supply. Fortunately, the Water Department has indicated that there are no current problems. The Selectmen are unanimously in support of the Water Department's plans to use these funds for construction of a new water storage tank on Walnut Street as well as their endeavors to update the water infrastructure in this area of Town.

As official interveners, the Selectmen are unanimously opposed to the proposed Brockton Power Plant and continue to utilize all available means to protect the well-being of the residents of West Bridgewater. Selectman Albanese is Chairman of the Brockton Power Plant Regional Task Force, which is comprised of Selectmen of various local municipalities and meets every other month to understand the impact of such a plant to the surrounding community.

The Board also diligently monitored the prospect of a casino locating to Middleboro. Selectman Albanese joined the Casino Task Force with other nearby town officials to study the effects of a casino and reported various findings and discussions to the Board. The Board advocated for mitigation funding from the State to help defray the costs the Town, as an abutting community, would accrue should either an expanded gambling or slots-only establishment be permitted.

In November, the South Street Bridge project was completed and reopened after two years of construction. The reconstruction of Manley Street was also finished at this time and construction on the Scotland Street Bridge began soon after. This project is slated to be completed by May 2010. The Board also continues to monitor the installation of the Aquaria Pipeline along Turnpike Street and evaluate the repaving and other road work done in that area.

Continuing the Board's efforts of encouraging public participation in local government, Chairman Jerry D. Lawrence was instrumental in revising and revamping various committees, including the Recycling Committee, the Historical Commission, and the ADA Compliance Committee. To promote cohesion, the sharing of resources and better communication amongst committee members, the Board established the Department of Conservation, Preservation and Recreation, which includes the following committees: Community Preservation Committee, Conservation Commission, Open Space Committee, the Town River Fishery Committee, the Town River Study Committee, and the Herring Wardens.

During this past year, the Selectmen, as the appointing authority, filled positions that were vacant due to retirement. The Board appointed and welcomed Ann MacNaughton as the Town Accountant, Mallory Cole as the Confidential Secretary, and John Peterson as a Full Time Police Officer. In addition, the Selectmen appointed John Delano as the Conservation Agent, a position the Selectmen had been looking to fill for some time.

The Selectmen, once again, wish to commend our Administrator, Beth Faricy. As our liaison to the community and the many employees, boards and commissions that serve the Town, she has the responsibility of getting our votes and messages out to meet the needs and wishes of this Board.

We wish also to thank our Confidential Secretary, Mallory Cole, and Assistant Confidential Secretary, Jacqueline Flaherty, for their hard work and dedication. They show compassion and helpfulness to all those who enter through our doors.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry D. Lawrence, Chairman
Matthew P. Albanese, Clerk
Eldon F. Moreira, Member

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REPORT OF THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES
TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2008

COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS EXEMPTIONS	REFUNDS	TAX LIENS/ADJ	FORECLOSURES DEFFERED	COLLECTIONS	06/30/2008 BALANCE
-	-	-	-	-	(23,735)	-
-	(5,921)	4,153	-	-	(201,893)	306,156.00
14,586,571	(86,257)	12,711	-	(28,648)	(13,796,463)	687,914.00
14,586,571.00	**(92,178.00)**	**16,864.00**	**-**	**(28,648.00)**	**(14,022,091.00)**	**994,070.00**

COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS	REFUNDS	COLLECTIONS	ADJUSTMENTS	06/30/2008 BALANCE
9,074	(71)	71	(8,737)	(337)	-
62,452	(3,490)	481	(67,009)	(24)	19,039
275,225	(11,473)	7,493	(344,558)	(1)	40,316
964,540	(15,519)	2,346	(680,733)	-	270,634
1,311,291.00	**(15,034.00)**	**8,045.00**	**(1,101,037.00)**	**(362.00)**	**329,989.00**

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES							
YEAR	07/01/07 BALANCE	COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS	REFUNDS	ADJUSTMENTS	COLLECTIONS	06/30/08 BALANCE
2003	416						416
2004	797		-				797
2005	2,122		-		(9)	-	2,113
2006	9,485		89	-	-	(5,177)	4,397
2007	44,933	-	298	37	(34)	(25,386)	19,848
2008	-	595,231		9,753		(555,066)	49,918
TOTALS	57,753	-	387	37	(43)	(585,629)	27,571

WATER USE CHARGES							
YEAR	07/01/07 BALANCE	COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS	ADJUSTMENTS	WATER LIENS	COLLECTIONS	06/30/08 BALANCE
2004	3,982						3,982
2005	53,288	-				(73)	53,215
2006	60,793	-	-			(10,234)	50,559
2007	99,714	-	(2,685)			(67,665)	29,364
2008		1,263,612	(6,916)			(1,059,462)	197,234
TOTALS	217,777	1,263,612	(9,601)	-	-	(1,137,434)	334,354

WATER LIENS RECEIVABLES	07/01/07 BALANCE	COMMITMENT	ABATEMENTS	TAX LIENS	ADJUSTMENTS	COLLECTIONS	06/30/08 BALANCE
2007	3,301	-		-	-	(1,953)	1,348
2008		48,656				(38,398)	10,258
TOTALS	3,301	48,656	-	-	-	(40,351)	11,606
TIE INS	155,846						

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

TRUST FUNDS	BALANCE AS OF 07/01/2007	INTEREST EARNED	DEPOSITS	FUNDS EXPENDED	BALANCE AS OF 06/30/2008
CEMETERIES					
PINE HILL	3,668.05	141.06			**3,809.11**
TOWN CEMETERIES	19,332.95	743.50			**20,076.45**
LIBRARY TRUST FUNDS					
#1	16,423.09	631.45		(828.04)	**16,226.50**
#2	8,412.29	323.50		(204.84)	**8,530.95**
#3	17,975.63	690.80		(2,663.80)	**16,002.63**
#4	19,558.72	752.00		(959.14)	**19,351.58**
GLADYS COLE LIBRARY FUND	12,925.62	496.99		(541.15)	**12,881.46**
CURTIS MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND	5,293.41	203.54		(216.63)	**5,280.32**
W.J. & A.C. HOWARD SCHOLARSHIP FUND	5,000.44	192.26		(250.00)	**4,942.70**
FRIENDSHIP PARK GAZEBO	2,236.43	86.01			**2,322.44**
STABILIZATION FUND	11,105.14	497.89			**11,603.03**
STUDENT ACTIVITIES	109,841.31	1,298.56	163,307.17	(168,349.03)	**106,098.01**
TOTALS	**231,773.08**	**6,057.56**	**163,307.17**	**(174,012.63)**	**227,125.18**

INTEREST AND CHARGES COLLECTED				
REAL ESTATE	63,157			
MOTOR VEHICLE	26,931			
TITLE V	934			
TOTALS	91,022			
Borrowing:	12/12/2007	The Town borrowad $1,627,000 in short-term funds to pay for the following items:		
			Computar Natwork	200,000
			Soil Absorbtion System	827,000
			School Roofs	600,000
		The interest rate for this borrowing was 3.55%.		
	4/1/2008	The Town refinanced the Howard School debt for the remaining ten years left on the loan ($300,000).		
		The interest rate was a fixad rate of 4.25%. This refunding saved tha taxpayers thousands of dollars in interast chargas.		
	4/11/2008	The Town issued a short-term note for the naw public safaty building in the amount of $4,500,000.		
		The interest rate for this borrowing was 2.0%		
	6/30/2008	The issued two short-term notes totaling $756,977 with an interest rate of 2.40% for the following items:		
			School Roofs	160,000
			Design Plans	64,000
			Highway Trucks	84,000
			Fire Truck	21,000
			Ambulance	32,000
			Septic Field	100,000
			School Boiler	50,000
			School Phone	35,000
			COA Generator	30,000
			Fire Vahicle	37,000
			Forestry Mower	15,900
			Stone Walls	20,000
			Roadsida Mower	30,577
			Vehicla Maint.	42,500
			Water Excavator	35,000.00
	This year I would like to dedicate the Town Report for the Treasurer/Collector's Office to Janet Merritt.			
	Janet ratired on June 30, 2008 after thirty five years of service to tha Town of West Bridgewater.			
	She was an extremaly dedicated employee who always gave har bast when called upon.			
RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED				
JOHN G. DUGGAN				
Treasurer/Collector				

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER
2008 STATISTICS

REGISTERED VOTERS

PRECINCT ONE

Democrat	503
Green-Rainbow	2
Libertarian	9
Prohibition	0
Reform	1
Republican	458
Timesizing Not Downsizing	1
Unenrolled	1381
Working Families	6
TOTAL	2361

PRECINCT TWO

Democrat	541
Green-Rainbow	3
Libertarian	5
Prohibition	1
Reform	0
Republican	348
Socialist	0
Timesizing Not Downsizing	0
Unenrolled	1355
Working Families	3
TOTAL	2256

TOTAL NUMBER OF REGISTERED VOTERS – 4617

TOTAL POPULATION
6789

RESIDENCE STATISTICS
2698 Housing Units
354 Vacant Residences

2009 ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
April 11, 2009
9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.

2009 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
June 8, 2009

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT – 10TH PLYMOUTH DIST.
Christine E. Canavan

SENATORS IN CONGRESS
Edward M. Kennedy
John F. Kerry

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
Stephen F. Lynch

COUNCILLOR – 2ND DISTRICT
Kelly A. Timilty

STATE SENATOR
Brian A. Joyce

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER
ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS
2008

	Term Elected	Expires
MODERATOR		
Marion L. Leonard	2006	2009
TOWN CLERK		
Nancy L. Morrison	2006	2009
SELECTMEN		
Jerry D. Lawrence	2006	2009
Matthew P. Albanese	2007	2010
Eldon F. Moreira	2008	2011
ASSESSORS		
Cheryl A. Smith	2006	2009
Stephen McCarthy	2007	2010
Robert W. Lundin	2008	2011
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY		
Robert Sullivan	2006	2009
Molly P. Smith	2006	2009
James Moore	2007	2010
Susan Moore	2007	2010
Richard P. Adams	2008	2011
George Hardiman	2008	2011
SCHOOL COMMITTEE		
Annie G. Iannitelli	2006	2009
Maureen E. Sass	2006	2009
Nancy Maloney	2007	2010
Henry C. Bradford III	2007	2010
James M. Holden	2008	2011
WATER COMMISSIONERS		
Donald G. Asack	2006	2009
David L. Churchill	2007	2010
John W. Noyes	2008	2011
TREE WARDEN		
Christopher D. Iannitelli	2006	2009

CONSTABLES

Bruce Holmlquist	2007	2010
Walter Thayer	2007	2010

BOARD OF HEALTH

John F. Cruz	2006	2009
Linda J. Simpson	2007	2010
Richard Harris	2008	2011

PLANNING BOARD

Anthony Kinahan	2004	2009
Howard Anderson	2005	2010
Hugh Hurley	2006	2011
Gerald Stetson	2007	2012
Grete Bohannon	2008	2013

HOUSING AUTHORITY
7 Esther Dr

Richard J. Freitas	2004	2009
John F. Cruz	2005	2010
Marion L. Leonard	2006	2011
Raymund Rogers	2008	2013
Nancy L. Morrison	2008	2013

OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN

ADMINISTRATOR
Elizabeth D. Faricy

ADA COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

Diane Perry	Eldon Moreira	Mary Petrie
Marilyn Raleigh	Gloria Hopkins	Denise Lewis

ADMINISTRATOR OF INSURANCE
Elizabeth D. Faricy, Administrator
Dr. Patricia Oakley, School Superintendent

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICERS
Jeni Mather
George Mather

BOARD OF APPEALS

James Henderson	2005	2010
William Lucini	2005	2010
Armen Amerigian	2008	2013
Carolyn Ameno	2008	2013
Lars G. Eliasson	2008	2013

Alternate Members:

Tom Snell	2006	2009
Fred Hartblay	2008	2013

BAY CIRCUIT GREEN BELT COMMITTEE

Conservation Commission — Historical Commission

BROCKTON AREA MENTAL HEALTH REPRESENTATIVE

Vacant

BROCKTON AREA RETARDATION REPRESENTATIVE

Diane Perry

BROCKTON AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Matthew Albanese

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Paul Stringham

BYLAW COMMITTEE

Grete Bohannon	Wade Estabrooks	Tom Kennedy
Richard Krugger	David Lacy	William Lucini

ASSISTANT BUILDING INSPECTOR

Vacancy

CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Paul Watson	2004	2009
Anastasia Paulos	2007	2009
Jerry Lawrence Ex Officio	2007	2009
Jeff Ryan	2007	2010
Scott Cray Adhoc Member	2007	2010
James C. Lang II	2008	2011
Lamarr Lee	2008	2011

CHIEF PROCUREMENT OFFICER

Elizabeth D. Faricy

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT COMMITTEE

James Henderson	2008	2009
Stephen McCarthy	2008	2009
Warren Turner	2008	2009
Grete Bohannon	2008	2010
Cheryl Cambria	2008	2010
John Cruz	2008	2010
James Benson	2008	2011
John J. Connolly Jr.	2008	2011
Christopher Iannitelli	2008	2011

COMPUTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

John Duggan	Ann MacNaughton	Elizabeth Faricy
Paul Golder	Richard Krugger	John Collins
Victor Flaherty, Jr.	Ed Sarro	Beth-Roll Smith
Patricia Oakley		Mary Harrington-Graf

CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY
Mallory Cole

ASSISTANT CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY
Jacqueline Flaherty

CONSERVATION AGENT
John DeLano

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Thomas Tyrell	2006	2009
Paula Bethony	2007	2010
Kevin Parker	2008	2010
Timothy Hay	2008	2011
Lee Anderson	2008	2011
Alternate Members:		
John J. Connolly, Jr.	2008	2009
Donna Lawson	2008	2009

COUNCIL ON AGING

S. Erick Benson	2006	2009
Linda Gibson	2006	2009
Virginia Nolan	2006	2009
Anna Brown	2006	2009
Ruth Johnson	2006	2009
Vacancy		2010
Vacancy		2010
Frank Nelson, Jr.	2008	2011
Bruce Holmquist	2008	2011
Marguerite Morse	2008	2011

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Joan McAndrew	2008	2009
Linda Kurinskas	2008	2010
Kathleen Massey	2006	2010
Louise Andrews	2008	2011
Jodi Coreira	2008	2011

DRURY BELL COMMITTEE
Matthew Albanese Eldon F. Moreira Jerry D. Lawrence

ELDER SERVICES DIRECTOR
Mary Harrington Graf

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICER
Leonard T. Hunt

ASSISTANT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICER
Ronald P. Snell

FENCE VIEWERS
Joseph Souza Vacancy Hugh Hurley

FIELD DRIVERS

Vacancy Howard A. Anderson Vacancy

FINANCE COMMITTEE – BOARD OF SELECTMEN LIAISON

Elizabeth D. Faricy

FIRE CHIEF

Leonard T. Hunt

FOREST FIRE WARDEN

Leonard T. Hunt

HAZARDOUS WASTE COORDINATOR

Leonard T. Hunt

HEALTH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Paul Golder	Marie Eccles	Jayson Sylvian
Wayne Parks	John Duggan	Elizabeth Faricy
Judith Kinney	Russell Regan	Mary Borsari

HERITAGE CAPSULE CUSTODIAN

Joan McAndrew	2007	2010
Vacancy		
Vacancy		

HERRING WARDEN

John Cruz Joseph Souza, Deputy James Souza

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Ann Marie Sheedy	2006	2009
Robert Bevis	2006	2009
James Benson	2008	2011
Thomas J. McAndrew	2008	2011
Joan McAndrew	2008	2011
Eldon Moreira	Ex Officio	
Matthew Albanese	Ex Officio	
Jerry Lawrence	Ex Officio	

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Richard A. Toczko	2004	2009
Vacancy		2011
Matthew Albanese	2008	2013
Thomas Hoisington	2008	2013
Robert DeMarino	2008	2013
Advisory Committee:		
Leonard Hunt	2005	2010
Vacancy		2010

LOCKUP KEEPER
Bruce Holmquist

MASS. BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY
Vacancy

MASTER PLAN COMMITTEE
SUB- COMMITTEES
CENTER OF TOWN - MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION -
HOUSING – WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Mary Adams – Maureen Adams – Donna Ames – John Ames – Mark Anderson – Victoria Benea – Mark Bettencourt – Kenneth Bjorklund – Grete Bohannon – Gail & John Burnham – Elizabeth & Philip Calef – David Churchill – John Dantono – Linda Davidson – John DeCosta, Jr. – Emidio DiVirgilio – Lars (Gary) Elliason – Alan & Deborah Gorham – Leonard & Mary Graf – Thomas Green – James Grimmett – Fred Hartblay –Howard Hayward – John Hebshie – Bruce Holmquist – Wilfred Howard – Jack Hughes – Leonard Hunt – Mitchell Hunt – Hugh Hurley – Alexander Iannitelli – Christopher Iannitelli – Gary Keith Richard Krugger – David Lacy – Wayne Legge – William Lucini – Jac MacDonald – Robert Massey – Stephen McCarthy – Ruth Miles – Peter Moroni – Marguerite Morse – Hilary & Paul Murray – Jacqueline Neely – James Noyes – Beth Robinson – Jon Sharkey – Francine Sheedy – Joan & Paul Sheedy – Robert Smith – Glen Turner – Katharine Turner – Warren Turner – William Turner – Christopher & Christine VanGorder – David Wells – Daniel West – Mary Jane White-John Wilson – Edward Zamaitis.

MEMORIAL FIELD COMMITTEE

Vacancy Michael Feresten Vacancy

MEMORIAL AND VETERANS DAY COMMITTEE

Bruce Holmquist Nancy L. Morrison Richard McMahon
Eldon Moreira Arthur M. Loughman, Jr. Robert Kominsky

MOBILE HOME RENT CONTROL BOARD

Barbara Roulstone	2006	2009
Richard J. Freitas	2005	2011
Michele Kinahan	2005	2011
Kevin Kelley	2006	2011

MUNICIPAL BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE

Marco J. Barrile	2004	2009
James Enos	2006	2009
Beth Roll Smith	2006	2009
Gayle Cipitelli	2007	2009
David Lawson	2008	2009
Wayne E. Brazil	2008	2011
Al Martelli	2005	2011
Arthur Cabral	2008	2011

O.C.P.C. AREA AGENCY ON AGING
Marguerite Morse, Delegate
Mary Harrington Graf, Alternate Delegate

OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

Eldon F. Moreira, Delegate	2004	2011

OLD COLONY ELDER SERVICES, INC.
Virginia Nolan, Delegate
Mary Harrington Graf, Alternate Delegate

OLD COLONY JOINT TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
Thomas Green, Highway Superintendent, Delegate — Matthew Albanese, Alternate

OPEN SPACE & RECREATION

Howard W. Hayward	Beth Roll Smith
Cheryl Cambria	Sona S. Hoisington
Dean Hardy	John Outerbridge
John Ames	Julie Amaral
Christopher Iannitelli	Vacancy
Victoria Benea	

PARKING CLERK
Matthew P. Albanese

PEST CONTROL SUPERINTENDENT

Christopher Iannitelli	2008	2011

PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR
Joseph E. Donovan

ASSISTANT PLUMBING AND GAS INSPECTOR
Edward Cruz

POLICE CHIEF
Donald Clark

PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL DESIGNEE
Eldon F. Moreira

RECYCLING COMMITTEE
Vacancy — John S. Newell, III — Vacancy

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Francis J. Boyd	2006	2009
Nancy L. Morrison	2006	2009
John Cruz	2007	2010
Linda J. Simpson	2008	2011

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURERS
Herbert A. Wolfer

SENIOR SITE BUILDING COMMITTEE

Frank W. Nelson	Mary H Graf	Richard Freitas
Eldon F. Moreira	Bruce Holmquist	Hugh Hurley
Matthew P. Albanese	Albert Salvador	Leonard Hunt

SERVICE MEMBER RECOGNITION COMMITTEE

David Leighton	Armen Amerigian	William Kovatis
Dean Hardy		Vacancy

SPECIAL POLICE OFFICERS

Paul Meehan
William L. Ferretti
Richard Warmington
Dean Hardy
Robert Smith
Robert Kominsky
William Stoddard
Walter Thayer
W. Kevin Johnson
Ann M. Savignano
Jonathan Craven

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Thomas C. Green

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING REVIEW BOARD (TIF)

Matthew Albanese
Elizabeth Faricy
Cheryl Smith
John Duggan
Richrd Toczko

TENNIS COURT COMMITTEE

Vacancy
Kevin Kelley
Vacancy

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Ann MacNaughton

TOWN COUNCIL

David Gay, Esq.

TOWN FOREST COMMITTEE

Vacancy
Christopher Iannitelli
Keith Hahl
Vacancy

TOWN PARK COMMITTEE

Vacancy
Christopher Iannitelli
Marian MacDonald
Jerry Lawrence
Christopher Werner
Jac MacDonald

TOWN RIVER STUDY COMMITTEE

Christopher Iannitelli
Christopher Cross
Susan Cross
Jac MacDonald

TOWN WEIGHER

Officer Michael Cummings

TREASURER/COLLECTOR

John G. Duggan

VEHICLE MAINTNENANCE SUPERINTENDENT

Leonard Graf III

VETERANS AGENT

Armen Amerigian

WAR MEMORIAL PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Barry Meltzer
Christopher Iannitelli
Vacancy
Francine Sheedy
Howard Hayward
Charles Johnson
Eldon Moreira
Katharine Turner
Vacancy
Marlene Howell
Jerry D. Lawrence
Gregory Sheedy
Vacancy

WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Victoria Benea
Richard Krugger
Emidio DiVirgili-Ex Officio

Jack Hughes | John Cruz | James Holden
Arthur Cabral-Liaison

WATER RESOURCES MANAGEMENT OFFICIAL
Richard Krugger, Jr.

WIRING INSPECTOR
Kevin S. Greiner

ASSISTANT WIRING INSPECTOR
Albert K. Greiner

WEST BRIDGEWATER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION
Leonard T. Hunt, Director
Donald Clark, Deputy
Bruce Holmquist, Deputy
Ronald Snell, Deputy

APPOINTMENTS BY THE MODERATOR

COMMITTEE TO APPOINT A FINANCE COMMITTEE

Joanna Savage | Marion Loughman | Henry Bishop
Paul Sheedy

STREET LIGHTING COMMITTEE

Robert L. Kellie
Vacancy | Vacancy | Vacancy

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Wade Estabrooks	2003	2006
Sandra White	2003	2006
James C. Lang II	2004	2007
Joseph Ritucci	2004	2007
Richard Heath	2004	2007
Pamela Humphreys	2005	2008
Robert L. Smith	2005	2008
Denise Reyes	2006	2009
Jennifer Clark-Crose	2006	2009

MODERATORS COMMITTEE FOR SCHOOL RESTORATION

William Pope | John F. Bottini, Jr. | Sonja Bolmant
Richard Freitas | Warren Sederberg | David Gill
Jeffrey Russell | Victor Flaherty

APPOINTMENTS BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Lee Anderson | Howard A. Anderson

BOARD OF HEALTH PHYSICIAN

Dr. Brian Blanchette

BURIAL AGENTS

Marie Eccles
Nancy L. Morrison
Linda J. Simpson
Bruce Holmquist

APPOINTMENTS BY THE CHIEF OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

DEPUTY FIRE CHIEF

Richard W. Gibson

DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS

Paul R. Lanoue
Michael D. St.George
Richard W. Gibson
John A. Bartorelli
Paul Golder
James J. Rocha
C. Douglas Hill
David L. Niklason
Allen A. Breer
Gerald E. Stetson
Kenneth J. May
William R. Choate

LICENSE AND PERMIT FEES

The following monies were received in the Town Clerks office and paid to the treasurer:

Building, Plumbing, Gas & Electric permits	$ 86,157.70
Transfer Station	128.987.00
Town Clerk Certificates	11,660.00
Fish and Game Fees	236.10
Dog Licenses and fines	7,195.00
Non-criminal Fines	2,050.00
Passport processing fees	8,690.00
Misc. receipts	2,919.01
	$247,894.81
Fish and Wildlife licenses payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.	$ 5,284.00
Total	$253,178.81

FOR THE PROTECTION OF PRIVACY OF WEST BRIDGEWATER RESIDENTS, THE NAMES AND DATES OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES WILL NO LONGER BE INCLUDED IN THIS REPORT.

The total number of births recorded in 2008 was	69
The total number of marriages recorded in 2008 was	44
The total number of deaths recorded in 2008 was	95

Certified copies of vital records are available upon request at the usual fee.
Please call the Town Clerk's Office (508) 894-1200 for further information.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy L. Morrison, Town Clerk

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

FEBRUARY 5, 2008

The Presidential Primary Election was held at the Spring Street School on Tuesday, February 5, 2008. Constable Walter Thayer posted the Warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws of the Town.

Specimen ballots, cards of instruction and abstracts of the laws imposing penalties upon voters were posted as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The voting machines were inspected by the police officer on duty and the Wardens, a zero total was printed out and posted. A total of 1400 Democratic, 900 Republican, 45 Green-Rainbow and 45 Working Family ballots were given to Wardens Paul McMahon and Marion Loughman and a receipt given to the Town Clerk for the same.

At the close of the polls at 8:00 pm a total of 2057 votes had been cast.

The following workers were sworn in:

Precinct One: Paul McMahon, Warden; Barbara Roulstone, Clerk; Beverly Reynolds, June Carveth, Roberta Turner, Joan McAndrew, Checkers; Pam Humphreys, Tally

Precinct Two: Marion Loughman, Warden; Marilyn Raleigh, Clerk; Janet Beaulieu, Roberta Waite, Sandra Irving and Mary Petrie, Checkers; Kevin Kelley, Tally.

Andrew Upton and Cameron Hay assisted with the setting up and the taking down of the election equipment.

The results of the election could not be certified until the provisional ballots were validated. Of the four provisional ballots cast on Election Day, two were validated and certified and the results were as follows:

DEMOCRATIC

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE	PREC. 1	PREC. 2	TOTAL
John R. Edwards	12	5	17
Hillary Clinton	346	397	743
Joseph R. Biden, Jr.	0	1	1
Christopher J. Dodd	0	0	0
Mike Gravel	0	1	1
Barack Obama	170	159	329
Dennis J. Kucinich	0	0	0
Bill Richardson	0	1	1
No Preference	6	9	15
Blanks	2	2	4
Write-In	2	3	5
STATE COMMITTEE MAN			
Steven J. Fradkin	254	254	508
Donald B. Falvey	108	102	210
Barnas Monteith	38	35	73
Blanks	137	182	319
Write-In	1	5	6
STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN			
Marilyn D. Sullivan	379	382	761
Blanks	157	193	350
Write-In	2	3	5
TOWN COMMITTEE			
Marilyn A. Raleigh	280	260	540
Neil B. Conley	247	258	505
Mary E. Petrie	247	229	476
David A. Perry	244	232	476
Diane L. Perry	248	235	483
Matthew P. Albanese	334	340	674
Brandyn E. Keating	237	230	467
Kevin J. Kelley	252	259	511
Phyllis A. Notini	232	225	457
Francis J. Boyd	254	270	524
Paul F. McMahon	244	258	502

REPUBLICAN

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE			
John McCain	230	208	438
Fred Thompson	2	2	4
Tom Tancredo	0	0	0
Duncan Hunter	1	1	2
Mike Huckabee	18	22	40
Mitt Romney	236	195	431
Ron Paul	7	4	11
Rudy Giuliani	2	4	6
No Preference	1	3	4
Blanks	1	1	2
Write-In	0	3	3
STATE COMMITTEE MAN			
James J. Aldred	281	254	535
Blanks	214	184	398
Write-In	3	5	8
STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN			
Mimi Sundstrum	278	249	527
Blanks	218	192	410
Write-In	2	2	4
TOWN COMMITTEE			
Robert L. Smith	233	220	453
Lars G. Eliasson	207	193	400
Ronald P. Snell	266	235	501
Irene M. Churchill	229	207	436
Eldon F. Moreira	276	232	508
Sandra Lee Chruchill	214	192	406
John F. Cruz	264	234	498
Warren E. Turner	245	203	448
Elizabeth G. Turner	219	191	410
David L. Churchill	235	204	439
Jerry D. Lawrence	257	238	495
Mark E. Churchill	222	195	417
Linda J. Simpson	241	192	433
Anthony Kinahan, Jr. (Write-In)	1	8	9
Michele Kinahan (Write-In)	1	7	8

GREEN-RAINBOW

PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE			
Jared Ball	0	0	0
Ralph Nader	0	1	1
Elaine Brown	0	0	0
Kate Swift	0	0	0
Cynthia McKinney	1	0	1
Kent Mesplay	0	0	0
No Preference	0	0	0
Blanks	0	0	0
Write-In	0	0	0
STATE COMMITTEE MAN			
Blanks	1	1	2
Write-In	0	0	0
STATE COMMITTEE WOMAN			
Blanks	1	1	2
Write-In	0	0	0
TOWN COMMITTEE			
Blanks	9	10	19
Write-In	1	0	1

There were no ballots cast for the Working Families Party

A true copy, Attest: Nancy L. Morrison

Nancy L. Morrison, Town Clerk

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

APRIL 12, 2008

The Annual Town Election was held at the Spring Street School on Saturday, April 12, 2008. Constable Walter Thayer, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, and the by-laws of the Town posted the Warrant, issued by the Board of Selectmen, on March 25, 2008.

Specimen ballots, cards of instruction and abstracts of the laws imposing penalties upon voters were posted as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The polls were opened at 9:00 a.m., as required by the by-laws of the Town. The voting machines in both precincts were inspected and a zero total was printed out. A total of 1,800 ballots were given to the wardens, Paul McMahon and Warren Turner.

At the close of the polls at 8:00 p.m., the voting machines showed a total of 647 votes had been cast.

The following were sworn in as election officials:

Precinct 1: Paul McMahon, Warden; Marion Loughman, Clerk; Beverly Reynolds, June Carveth, Barbara Roulstone, Roberta Turner, Checkers; Pamela Humphreys, Tally.

Precinct 2: Warren Turner, Warden; Marilyn Raleigh, Clerk; Janet Beaulieu, Joan McAndrew, Sandra Irving, Pauline Peterson, Checkers; Kevin Kelly, Tally.

Andrew Upton and Cameron Hay assisted with setting up and taking down the election equipment.

The election proceeded as follows:

BOARD OF SELECTMAN	Vote for One	# of Votes
Three Years		
Eldon F. Moreira	30 Grant St.	492
Blanks		144
Write-in		11

Eldon F. Moreira declared elected

BOARD OF ASSESSORS	Vote for One	# of Votes
Three Years		
Robert W. Lundin	29 Timothy Dr.	478
Blanks		163
Write-in		6

Robert W. Lundin declared elected

SCHOOL COMMITTEE	Vote for One	
James W. Holden	70 Roosevelt Ave.	504
Blanks		138
Write-in		5

James W. Holden declared elected

BOARD OF HEALTH	Vote for One	
Three Years		
Richard P. Harris	104 N. Elm St.	489
Blanks		155
Write-in		3

Richard P. Harris declared elected

PLANNING BOARD	Vote for One	
Five Years		
Grete M. Bohannon	99 Pleasant St.	437
Blanks		207
Write-In		3

Grete M. Bohannon declared elected

TRUSTEE OF PUBLIC LIBRARY	Vote for Two	
Three Years		
Richard P. Adams	10 Cornerstone Ln	458
George G. Hardiman	342 S. Main St.	432
Blanks		403
Write-in		1

Richard P. Adams & George G. Hardiman declared elected

WATER COMMISSIONER	Vote for One	# of Votes
Three Years		
John W. Noyes	455 Spring St.	496
Blanks		150
Write-in		1

John W. Noyes declared elected

HOUSING AUTHORITY	Vote for One	
Five Years		
Nancy L. Morrison	23 Progressive Ave	526
Blanks		119
Write-in		2

Nancy L. Morrison declared elected

QUESTION 1: SHALL WEST BRIDGEWATER ACCEPT SECTIONS 3 TO 7 INCLUSIVE OF CHAPTER 44B OF THE GENERAL LAWS, AS APPROVED BY ITS LEGISLATIVE BODY, A SUMMARY OF WHICH APPEARS BELOW?

SECTIONS 3 TO 7 OF CHAPTER 44B OF THE GENERAL LAWS OF MASSACHUSETTS, ALSO KNOWN AS THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT, ESTABLISH A DEDICATED FUNDING SOURCE TO ACQUIRE AND PRESERVE OPEN SPACE, PARKS AND CONSERVATION LAND, PROTECT PUBLIC DRINKING WATER SUPPLIES, AND SCENIC AREAS, PROTECT FARM LAND, AND FORESTS FROM FUTURE DEVELOPMENT, RESTORE AND PRESERVE HISTORIC PROPERTIES, AND HELP MEET LOCAL FAMILIES' HOUSING NEEDS IN WEST BRIDGEWATER. THE COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT WILL BE FUNDED BY AN ADDITIONAL EXCISE OF 1% ON THE ANNUAL TAX LEVY ON REAL PROPERTY TO BE ASSESSED BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2009, AND BY MATCHING FUNDS PROVIDED BY THE STATE, EXCLUDING PROPERTY OWNED AND OCCUPIED AS A DOMICILE BY ANY PERSON WHO QUALIFIES FOR LOW INCOME HOUSING OR LOW OR MODERATE INCOME SENIOR HOUSING IN THE TOWN, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 2 OF SAID ACT AND $100,000 OF THE VALUE OF EACH TAXABLE PARCEL OF RESIDENTIAL REAL PROPERTY. ANY OTHER TAXPAYER RECEIVING AN EXEMPTION OF REAL PROPERTY AUTHORIZED BY CHAPTER 59 OF THE GENERAL LAWS SHALL BE EXEMPT FROM THIS ACT. A COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF LOCAL CITIZENS WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE USE OF THE FUNDS AND ALL EXPENDITURES WILL BE SUBJECT TO AN ANNUAL AUDIT.

YES: 383 NO: 248 BLANKS: 16

Question #1 passes

A true copy, Attest: Nancy L. Morrison

Nancy L. Morrison, Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 5, 2008 – 7:00 PM
HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

A meeting of which the inhabitants of the town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs were notified by warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen and posted by Constable Bruce L. Holmquist on April 18, 2008.

Moderator Marion L. Leonard called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. With 85 qualified voters and 11 guests, the meeting proceeded as follows:

Art. 1. To see if the Town will vote to rezone from General Residential Farming (GRF) to Industrial the following parcels of land on Manley Street to be consistent with the goals and objectives of the Town's 2000 Master Plan Mission Statement and Strategic Outline: Assessor's Map, 3, Lots 18, 19 and 20 for a total of 17 +/- acres or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO REZONE FROM GENERAL RESIDENTIAL FARMING (GRF) TO INDUSTRIAL THE FOLLOWING PARCELS OF LAND ON MANLEY STREET TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES OF THE TOWN'S 2000 MASTER PLAN MISSION STATEMENT AND STRATEGIC OUTLINE: ASSESSOR'S MAP 3, LOTS 18, 19 AND 20 FOR A TOTAL OF 17 +/- ACRES.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY DECLARED 2/3 VOTE.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will vote to borrow or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the FY08 West Bridgewater Assessment for the WEB Task Force or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM FREE CASH THE SUM OF $10,000 TO FUND THE FY08 WEST BRIDGEWATER ASSESSMENT FOR THE WEB TASK FORCE.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Art. 3 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to provide for committed expenditures through June 30, 2008 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS OR FUNDS TO THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR COMMITTED EXPENDITURES THROUGH JUNE 30, 2008:

TRANSFER FROM:

Dept. No		Amount
	Free Cash	$ 47,058
	Assessors Overlay Surplus Reserve Fund	50,000
	Article 13 of the June 7, 2007 Annual Town Meeting	13,000
	Apportional Assessments for Title V Betterment Program	10,000
1930	Insurances	7,000
9100	Benefits Budget	39,942
	Subtotal	$167,000

TRANSFER TO:

Dept. No.	Department	Amount
1510	Town Counsel	36,000
2200	Fire	75,000
3200	Southeastern Regional	50,000
4240	Street Lighting	6,000
	Subtotal	$167,000

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to borrow or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase a new Sidewalk Snow Plow with appropriate attachments and to dispose of one 1975 Bombardier Snow Plow in the best interests of the Town or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW $101,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PURCHASE A NEW SIDEWALK SNOW PLOW WITH APPROPRIATE ATTACHMENTS AND TO DISPOSE OF ONE 1975 BOMBADIER SNOW PLOW IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE TOWN.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY 2/3 DECLARED VOTE

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to borrow or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase a rear boom flail mower with counter weights or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER $11,000 FROM FREE CASH TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PURCHASE A REAR BOOM FLAIL MOWER WITH COUNTER WEIGHTS FOR THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT'S JOHN DEERE 4520 4WD ROADSIDE MOWER.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE

Art. 6. To see if the Town will vote to borrow or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of financing the following water pollution abatement facility projects: repair, replacement and/or upgrades of septic systems, pursuant to agreements with Board of Health and residential property owners, including without limitation all costs thereof, as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust or otherwise, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT $400,000 IS APPROPRIATED FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING THE FOLLOWING WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT FACILITY PROJECTS: REPAIR, REPLACEMENT AND/OR UPGRADE OF SEPTIC SYSTEMS, PURSUANT TO AGREEMENTS WITH THE BOARD OF HEALTH AND RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERS, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION ALL COSTS THEREOF AS DEFINED IN SECTION 1 OF CHAPTER 29C OF THE GENERAL LAWS; THAT TO MEET THIS APPROPRIATION THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW $400,000 AND ISSUE BONDS OR NOTES THEREFOR UNDER MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAW CHAPTER 111, SECTION 127B ½ AND/OR CHAPTER 29C OF THE GENERAL LAWS; THAT PROJECT AND FINANCING COSTS SHALL BE REPAID BY THE PROPERTY OWNERS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENTS AUTHORIZED UNDER THOSE STATUTES AND AT 5% INTEREST PER ANNUM, OF WHICH THE PROCEEDS FROM SUCH INTEREST, AS WELL AS ANY AMOUNTS RECEIVED FROM THE HOMEOWNER FOR THE REPAYMENT OF SUCH LOANS, SHALL BE CREDITED TO THE "RESERVE FOR APPROPRIATION – W.P.A.T. LOAN REPAYMENT ACCOUNT", AND SHALL, WITH APPROVAL OF TOWN MEETING, BE USED

TO FUND THE REPAYMENT OF ANY SUCH LOANS GRANTED BY THE WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT TRUST UNDER THIS AUTHORIZATION. SUCH BONDS OR NOTES SHALL BE GENERAL OBLIGATIONS OF THE TOWN; THAT THE TREASURER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN IS AUTHORIZED TO BORROW ALL OR A PORTION OF SUCH AMOUNT FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS WATER POLLUTION ABATEMENT TRUST ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 29C AND IN CONNECTION THEREWITH TO ENTER INTO A LOAN AGREEMENT AND/OR SECURITY AGREEMENT WITH THE TRUST AND OTHERWISE CONTRACT WITH THE TRUST AND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WITH RESPECT TO SUCH LOAN AND FOR ANY FEDERAL OR STATE AID AVAILABLE FOR THE PROJECTS OR FOR THE FINANCING THEREOF; AND THAT THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN, BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, OR OTHER APPROPRAITE LOCAL BODY OR OFFICIAL IS AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO A PROJECT REGULATORY AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, TO EXPEND ALL FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR THE PROJECT AND TO TAKE ANY OTHER ACTION NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PROJECTS.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to pay for professional services for the Water Department during the fiscal year 2008 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM WATER SURPLUS THE SUM OF $6,000 TO PAY PROFESSIONAL SERVICES FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT DURING FY08.

UPON COUNTED VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY MAJORITY VOTE, YES: 40, NO: 26

Art. 8 To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to reimburse the 2008 Water Department operating budget line 027-4500-5243-0000 Equipment Repair for unexpected repairs to the town's wells or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM WATER SURPLUS THE SUM OF $15,855 TO REIMBURSE THE WATER DEPARTMENT FY08 OPERATING BUDGET LINE 027-4500-5243-0000 "EQUIPMENT REPAIR" FOR UNEXPECTED REPAIRS TO THE TOWN'S WELLS.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Art. 9 To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize the following changes to the Town of West Bridgewater General By-Laws Article 16. Personnel. Section 8.b.(2)-(4) covering vacation leave and adding a new section 8.b.(5)

"Employees shall be entitled to vacation leave as follows:

(1) An employee with one (1) year but less than five (5) years of continuous employment with the Town shall be entitled to ten (10) days of vacation leave in his employment year.

(2) An employee with five (5) years but less than eleven (11) years continuous employment with the Town shall be entitled to fifteen (15) days of vacation leave in his employment year.

(3) An employee with eleven (11) years but less than sixteen (16) years of continuous employment with the Town shall be entitled to twenty (20) days of vacation leave in his employment year.

(4) An employee with sixteen (16) years but less than twenty-one (21) years of continuous employment with the Town shall be entitled to twenty-five (25) days of vacation leave in his employment year.

(5) An employee with twenty-one (21) years or more of continuous employment with the Town shall be entitled to thirty (30) days of vacation leave in his employment year" or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE CHANGES TO THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER GENERAL BY-LAWS ARTICLE 16 PERSONNEL SECTION 8.B.(2)-(4) COVERING VACATION LEAVE AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 8.B.(5) AS PRINTED ON THE WARRANT.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDED TO PASS WITHOUT ACTION

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY VOTE.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize changes to the Town of West Bridgewater General By-Laws Article 16. Personnel. Section 6. Longevity Pay by changing paragraph "a." and increasing the amount of longevity pay earned after the requisite number of years.

"a. A full-time employee, including department heads, who completes the number of years indicated below of creditable service shall be granted a longevity lump-sum payment in the amount set forth below for the number of years of such service he has completed.

Five (5) years:	$300.00
Ten (10) years:	$500.00
Fifteen (15) years:	$750.00
Twenty (20) years:	$900.00
Twenty-five (25) years:	$1,450.00"

Or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE CHANGES TO THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER GENERAL BY-LAWS ARTICLE 16, PERSONNEL SECTION 6. LONGEVITY PAY. BY CHANGING PARAGRAPH "A" AND INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF LONGEVITY PAY EARNED AFTER THE REQUISITE NUMBER OF YEARS AS PRINTED ON THE WARRANT.**

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDED TO PASS WITHOUT ACTION

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A MAJORITY

Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize changes to the Town of West Bridgewater General By-Laws Article 16. Personnel. Section 6. Longevity Pay by adding a new paragraph "c."

"c. Each part-time worker who is a benefit eligible employee who completes the number of years of continuous employment indicated in paragraph a. above shall be granted a longevity lump-sum payment annually in an amount proportionate to the amount paid full-time employees under paragraph a. above. Such amount shall be in the proportion his regularly scheduled workweek bears to the regular workweek scheduled for full-time employees" or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE CHANGES TO THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER GENERAL BY-LAWS ARTICLE 16 PERSONNEL SECTION 6. BY ADDING A NEW PARAGRAPH "C" AS PRINTED ON THE WARRANT.**

BOARD OF SELECTMEN RECOMMENDED TO PASS WITHOUT ACTION

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote of the Town passed June 12, 2006 (Article 22) as amended by the Vote of the Town passed May 14, 2007 (Article 7), which vote, as amended, appropriated and authorized a borrowing of $600,000 to acquire architectural and engineering design plans to repair/replace the roofs at the Rose L. MacDonald School and other Town schools, to provide that the amount appropriated and authorized to be borrowed can be used for construction costs as well as planning costs relating to the roof repair/replacement project; or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AMEND THE VOTE OF THE TOWN PASSED JUNE 12, 2006 (ARTICLE 22) AS AMENDED BY THE VOTE OF THE TOWN PASSED MAY 14, 2007 (ARTICLE 7) TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF $600,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO ACQUIRE ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING DESIGN PLANS FOR AND TO REPAIR/REPLACE THE ROOFS AT VARIOUS TOWN SCHOOLS."**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote of the Town passed May 23, 2005 (Article 15) which appropriated and authorized a borrowing of $200,000 to acquire architectural and engineering design plans for several school roofs and repairs, to provide that the amount appropriated and authorized to be borrowed can be used for construction costs as well as planning costs relating to the roof repair/replacement project; or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AMEND THE VOTE OF THE TOWN PASSED MAY 23, 2005 (ARTICLE 15) TO READ AS FOLLOWS: "THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF $200,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO ACQUIRE ARCHITECTURAL AND**

ENGINEERING PLANS FOR AND TO REPAIR/REPLACE THE ROOFS AT VARIOUS SCHOOLS."

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to borrow or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to purchase a new or refurbished copier machine for the Selectmen's Office and to dispose of the present copier in the best interest of the Town or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER THE SUM OF $4,000 FROM FREE CASH TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO PURCHASE A NEW OR REFURBISHED COPIER MACHINE FOR THE SELECTMEN'S OFFICE AND TO DISPOSE OF THE PRESENT COPIER IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE TOWN.

UPON VOTE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Art. 15. To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 7:55 P.M.

A true copy, Attest: Nancy L. Morrison
Nancy L. Morrison, Town Clerk, CMC, CMMC

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
WARRANT ARTICLES
Monday, June 9, 2008 – 7:00 PM
West Bridgewater Junior/Senior High School Gymnasium

A meeting of which the inhabitants of the town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs were notified by warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen and posted by Constable Bruce L. Holmquist on May 22, 2008.

Moderator Marion L. Leonard called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. Rev. Dr. Sylvarius P. Jackson of the Cochesett United Methodist Church gave the invocation. The Boy Scouts from Troop 25 presented the colors and the Girl Scouts lead the Pledge of Allegiance. Samantha Asker, Sue Ellen Duffy, Angelina Hill, Meaghan McNally and Rebecca Smith of the High School Chorus sang the Star Spangled Banner.

With 708 qualified voters and 36 guests the meeting proceeded as follows:

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN CONSIDER ARTICLES 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 8, AND 9 AS PRINTED ON THE WARRANT, AS A SINGLE "CONSENT" ARTICLE WITH:**

THE UPPER LIMIT ON ARTICLE 5 ESTABLISHED AT $40,000;
THE UPPER LIMIT ON ARTICLE 6 ESTABLISHED AT $28,000;
THE UPPER LIMIT ON ARTICLE 7 ESTABLISHED AT $4,000;
THE UPPER LIMIT ON ARTICLE 8 ESTABLISHED AT $12,000
THE UPPER LIMIT ON ARTICLE 9 ESTABLISHED AT $64,000.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Article 1: To hear reports of all Town Officers and act thereon.

MOVE: **THAT THE REPORTS OF ALL TOWN OFFICIALS AND COMMITTEES BE ACCEPTED AS PRINTED IN THE 2007 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Article 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract or contracts with the Massachusetts Department of Public Works for the construction and maintenance of public highways for the fiscal year, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AUTHORIZE THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT OR CONTRACTS WITH THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF PUBLIC HIGHWAYS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2008.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to determine the salaries of the following elected Town Officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008:

Moderator	Tree Warden
Board of Selectmen	Board of Assessors
Town Clerk	Water Commissioners
Board of Health	

The following officers to serve without pay:

Library Trustees	School Committee
Planning Board	

Or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO DETERMINE THE SALARIES OF THE FOLLOWING ELECTED TOWN OFFICERS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 2008.**

MODERATOR	**$ 338**	**TREE WARDEN**	**$1,620**
BOARD OF SELECTMEN	**$10.375**	**BOARD OF ASSESSORS**	**$10,539**
TOWN CLERK	**$54,858**	**WATER COMMISSIONERS**	**$7,295**
BOARD OF HEALTH	**$ 2,577**		

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion to recess for Special Town Meeting at 7:50 P.M.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Annual Town Meeting resumed at 9:45 P.M. after a 5-minute recess

Article 4: To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 and to make appropriations for the same, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **(SEE BUDGET BOOK FOR MOTION)**

Water Department made a motion to amend the Water Purification line 5537 to $125,000.

The amendment passed by majority vote.

Water Department made a second motion to add $500 to the professional services line.

Motion defeated by majority vote.

A VOTE ON THE FIRST AMENDMENT PASSED BY MAJORITY THEREBY ADDING $50,000 TO LINE 5537 WATER PURIFICATION CHEMICALS FOR A TOTAL OF $125,000.

UPON VOTE, THE GRAND TOTAL OF THE OPERATING BUDGET $21,355,381 PASSED BY MAJORITY

*Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging Supportive Care Program to be used by the Council on Aging for expenses needed to run said program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of $40,000 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE, AS PROVIDED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, THE RETENTION OF REVENUE GENERATED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER COUNCIL ON AGING SOCIAL DAY CARE PROGRAM TO BE USED BY THE COUNCIL ON AGING FOR EXPENSES NEEDED TO RUN SAID PROGRAM ON A YEAR-ROUND BASIS AND TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND FOR SUCH PURPOSE FROM WHICH THE DIRECTOR OF ELDER SERVICES WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE EXPENDITURES AND WHICH SHALL HAVE AS AN ANNUAL UPPER LIMIT AN AMOUNT OF $40,000 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging's Nutrition Program to be used by the Council to purchase supplies needed to run the program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of $28,000 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE, AS PROVIDED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, THE RETENTION OF REVENUE GENERATED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER COUNCIL ON AGING'S NUTRITION PROGRAM TO BE USED

BY THE COUNCIL TO PURCHASE SUPPLIES NEEDED TO RUN THE PROGRAM ON A YEAR-ROUND BASIS AND TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND FOR SUCH PURPOSE FROM WHICH THE DIRECTOR OF ELDER SERVICES WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE EXPENDITURES AND WHICH SHALL HAVE AS AN ANNUAL UPPER LIMIT AN AMOUNT OF $28,000 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize as provided in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Council on Aging's Transportation Program to be used by the Council to pay necessary expenses to run the program on a year round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the Director of Elder Services will be authorized to make these expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of $4,000 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE AS PROVIDED IN MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, THE RETENTION OF REVENUE GENERATED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER COUNCIL ON AGING'S TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM TO BE USED BY THE COUNCIL TO PAY NECESSARY EXPENSES TO RUN THE PROGRAM ON A YEAR ROUND BASIS AND TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND FOR SUCH PURPOSE FROM WHICH THE DIRECTOR OF ELDER SERVICES WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE THESE EXPENDITURES AND WHICH SHALL HAVE AS AN ANNUAL UPPER LIMIT AN AMOUNT OF $4,000 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of fines and fees collected by the West Bridgewater Public Library to be used for general library expenses for said Library and to establish a revolving fund for such a purpose from which the Library Director will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit request in FY09 of $12,000 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE, AS PROVIDED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS, CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, THE RETENTION OF FINES AND FEES COLLECTED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY TO BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF GENERAL LIBRARY EXPENSES FOR SAID LIBRARY AND TO ESTABLISH A REVOLVING FUND FOR SUCH A PURPOSE FROM WHICH THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO MAKE EXPENDITURES AND WHICH SHALL HAVE AS AN ANNUAL UPPER LIMIT REQUEST IN FY 2009 OF $12,000 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

*Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize, as provided in the Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, the retention of revenue generated by the West Bridgewater Public Schools' Preschool Program, to be used by the preschool for expenses needed to run said program on a year-round basis and to establish a revolving fund for such purpose from which the School Committee will be authorized to make expenditures and which shall have as an annual upper limit an amount of $64,000 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE, AS PROVIDED IN THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E 1/2, THE RETENTION OF REVENUE GENERATED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC SCHOOLS' PRESCHOOL PROGRAM TO BE USED BY THE PRESCHOOL FOR EXPENSES NEEDED TO RUN SAID PROGRAM ON A YEAR-ROUND BASIS AND WHICH SHALL HAVE AS AN ANNUAL UPPER LIMIT AN AMOUNT OF $64,000 UNLESS THE EXPENDITURE OF A GREATER AMOUNT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 4 of Chapter 73 of the Acts of 1986 and to further accept the provisions of Chapter 126 of the Acts of 1988, which will grant a percentage increase to real estate tax exemptions to persons who are otherwise qualified for such exemptions, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ACCEPT THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 4 OF CHAPTER 73 OF THE ACTS OF 1986 AND TO FURTHER ACCEPT THE PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 126 OF THE ACTS OF 1988 WHICH WILL GRANT A PERCENTAGE INCREASE TO REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTIONS TO PERSONS WHO ARE OTHERWISE QUALIFIED FOR SUCH EXEMPTIONS AND FURTHER TO INCREASE THE REAL ESTATE TAX EXEMPTION TO PERSONS SO QUALIFIED BY 25% FOR FY 2009.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the School Committee to revise existing engineering design plans and to repair and/or replace the roofs at the Rose L. MacDonald School or take any action relative thereto.

MOTION: **That the Town Vote to appropriate $650,000 for the repair and/or replacement of roofs at the Rose L. MacDonald School located at 1 Steppingstone Drive, including the revision of existing engineering design plans related thereto, which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, said sum to be expended under the direction of the School Committee; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow $650,000 under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; that the Town acknowledges that the Massachusetts School Building Authority's ("MSBA") grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town and further that any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA for the project shall not exceed the lessor of (1) 49.74% of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount of $326,792 as determined by the MSBA; and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced**

by any amounts received from the MSBA prior to the issuance of any bonds or notes under this vote.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to be expended by the Water Commissioners to purchase water meters and related meter reading equipment or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM WATER SURPLUS THE SUM OF $20,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE WATER COMMISSIONERS TO PURCHASE WATER METERS AND RELATED METER READING EQUIPMENT.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 13: To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to pay for professional services for the Water Department during the fiscal year 2009 provided that prior to any expenditure, the Finance Committee must review the audit report with the Water Commissioners or take any action relative thereto

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE FROM WATER REVENUES THE SUM OF $5,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE WATER COMMISSIONERS TO PAY FOR PROFESSIONAL AUDIT SERVICES FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT DURING FY 09 PROVIDED THAT PRIOR TO ANY EXPENDITURE, THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MUST REVIEW THE AUDIT REPORT AUTHORIZED BY ARTICLE 7 OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING O MAY 5, 2008 WITH THE WATER COMMISSIONERS AND VOTE THEIR APPROVAL.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to borrow a sum of money in anticipation of reimbursement to meet the Town's share of the cost of work for State Aid Construction and Maintenance or take any action relative thereto

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO BORROW THE SUM OF $ 227,088 IN ANTICIPATION OF REIMUBURSMENT TO MEET THE TOWN'S SHARE OF THE COST OF WORK FOR STATE AID CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE AS AUTHORIZED AS THE TOWN'S APPORTIONMENT OF CHAPTER 90 LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AND FUNDING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009 IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHAPTER 86 OF THE ACTS OF 2008.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to petition our legislators to approve legislation that will modify the application of Section 17 of Chapter 138 of the MGL by providing the following additional liquor licenses to the Town of West Bridgewater, as follows:

"The licensing board for the Town of West Bridgewater may grant up to 5 additional licenses for the sale of all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises. Not withstanding the first sentence, all of the five additional all alcoholic licenses shall be granted only in the areas designated by the West Bridgewater Board of Selectmen. Such areas shall be limited to those zoned either Business or Industrial and only on large scale, commercial developments consisting of at least 30 acres in the vicinity of Route 24 located within the Town's corporate limits.

Notwithstanding any General or special law or any rule or regulation to the contrary, the local alcohol licensing authority shall not approve the transfer of said license to any other location outside the designated areas. A license granted pursuant to this paragraph shall be nontransferable to any other person, corporation or organization and shall be clearly marked nontransferable on the face of the license. Said license may be re-issued by the local alcohol licensing authority at the same location if an applicant for said license files with said authority a letter in writing from the Department of Revenue indicating that said license is in good standing with said Department and that any and all applicable taxes have been paid.

If the license granted under this section is cancelled, revoked or no longer in use, such license shall be returned physically, with all of the legal rights, privileges and restrictions pertaining thereto, to the local alcohol licensing authority. Notwithstanding section 17 of chapter 138 of the General Laws, or any other general or special law to the contrary, the local alcohol licensing authority may then grant the license to a new applicant at the same location and under the same conditions as specified in the preceding sentences.

This act shall take effect upon its passage." Or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO PETITION OUR LEGISLATORS TO APPROVE LEGISLATION THAT WILL MODIFY THE APPLICATION OF SECTION 17 OF CHAPTER 138 OF THE MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL LAWS BY PROVIDING FOR FIVE ADDITIONAL LIQUOR LICENSES TO THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER AS SPECIFIED IN THE WARRANT.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY MAJORITY

Article 16: To see if the town will vote to accept, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 82, Sections 22 to 24, the following Town ways approved by the Planning Board, filed with the Town Clerk and recorded in the Registry of Deeds: Andrea Way, Apple Lane, Belmont

Way, Caetano Circle, Cortland Way, Coweeset Lane, Mill Pond Road, Orchard Drive, Paul's Way, Pinetree Drive, Snell's Way, Southgate Avenue, Stonecroft Farm Lane, Arborview Terrace, Ledgelawn Avenue, Daniel Terrace and Tiffany Circle or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING TOWN WAYS AS APPROVED BY THE PLANNING BOARD, FILED WITH THE TOWN CLERK AND RECORDED IN THE REGISTRY OF DEEDS:**

ANDREA WAY – as shown on a plan of land entitled "Andrea Park" by Silva Engineering as recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds as No. 233 of 2002, plan book 45, p. 477.

APPLE LANE – as shown on a plan of land for "Country Farm Estates" drawn for Par Three, Inc. as recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 535 of 1988.

BELMONT WAY – as shown on a plan of land for "Belmont Way" drawn by Ribelin Land Surveyors as recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 297 of 1996.

CAETANO CIRCLE – as shown on an "as built Plan & Profile" drawn by Land Surveys, Inc. as recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 301 of 1997.

CORTLAND WAY – as shown on a plan of land for "Appleblossom Estate" as recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds as Plan Book 35 and page 202 in July, 1992.

COWEESET LANE – as shown on a plan of land for "Coweeset Brook Estates" drawn by K. & Associates/LAN-COM, Inc., as recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 513 of 1997.

MILL POND ROAD – as shown on a plan of land for "Mill Pond Estates" drawn by Patrick C. Garner Inc. as recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in May, 1989 as Plan Book 32 and page 470.

ORCHARD DRIVE - as shown on a plan of land for "Country Farm Estates" drawn for Par Three, Inc. as recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 535 of 1988.

PAUL'S WAY – as shown on a plan of land for "North Elm Estates" drawn by Gallagher Engineering as recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 207 of 2003.

PINETREE DRIVE – as shown on a plan of land for "Pinetree Estates" drawn by J. K. Holmgren & Associates, Inc. as recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 427 of 1991.

SNELL'S WAY – as shown on a plan of land for "Coweeset Estates" drawn by Hayward-Boynton & Williams Inc. as recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 82 of 1981.

SOUTHGATE AVENUE – as shown on a plan of land for "Meadow Park Subdivision" drawn by Ribelin Land Surveyors Inc. as recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 1037 of 1988.

STONECROFT FARM LANE – as shown on a plan of land for "Stonecroft Farm Lane" drawn by P.M.P. Associates, LLC as recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 132 of 2003.

ARBORVIEW TERRACE – as shown on a plan of land for "Ledgelawn Estates" drawn by J. K. Holmgren & Associates Inc. as recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 701 of 1986.

LEDGELAWN AVENUE – as shown on a plan of land for "Ledgelawn Estates" drawn by J. K. Holmgren & Associates Inc. as recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 701 of 1986.

DANIEL TERRACE – as shown on a plan of land for "Meadow Park Subdivision" drawn by Ribelin Land Surveyors Inc. as recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 1037 of 1988.

TIFFANY CIRCLE – as shown on a plan of land drawn by C. A. Pickering Associates Inc. as recorded in the Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 4129, page 296, in 1975.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available sums or borrow a sum of money to make necessary upgrades to two of the fire departments semi-automatic defibrillators, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO RAISE AND APPROPRIATE THE SUM OF $ 25,000 TO BE EXPENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO MAKE THE NECESSARY UPGRADES TO TWO OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S SEMI-AUTOMATIC DEFIBRILLATORS.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to reduce the membership of the Municipal Building Needs and Use Committee from nine members to seven members with staggering terms whose membership shall include Town residents knowledgeable in building design, construction and maintenance procedures, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO REDUCE THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS NEEDS AND USE COMMITTEE FROM NINE MEMBERS TO SEVEN MEMBERS WITH STAGGERNG TERMS WHOSE MEMBERSHIP SHALL INCLUDE TOWN RESIDENTS KNOWLEDGEABLE IN BUILDING DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Article 19: To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 10:45 P.M.

A true copy, Attest: Nancy L. Morrison
Nancy L. Morrison, Town Clerk

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
WARRANT ARTICLES
MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2008
7:15 P.M.
HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 7:50 P.M. and proceeded as follows:

Art. 1. To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing zoning map of the Town of West Bridgewater as follows:

By removing the following described land from General Residential and Farming (GRF) District and establishing the same as Business (B) District:

Beginning at a point on the westerly side of Lincoln Street at the south easterly corner of Parcel 3 as shown on Assessor's Map 51; thence

S20°24'46"E along the westerly side of Lincoln Street a distance of one thousand three hundred forty two and three hundredths feet (1342.03') to a point: thence

S70°45'34"W a distance of three hundred and no hundredths feet (300.00') to a point; thence

S19°14'26"E a distance of four hundred twenty five and fifty two hundredths feet (425.52') to a point; thence

S75°25'26"W a distance of sixty five and ninety five hundredths feet (65.95') to a point; thence

S02°26'26"Wa distance of two hundred fifty four feet, more or less, (254'+/-) to a point at the easterly end of the proposed relocation of the General Residential & Farming/Business zoning line; thence

S82°06'28"Walong the proposed General Residential & Farming/Business zoning line a distance of five hundred sixty five feet, more or less, (565'+/-) to a point on the easterly side of Interstate Route 24 Amvets Memorial Highway; thence

N25°42'45"W along the easterly side of a Interstate Route 24 Amvets Memorial Highway a distance of one thousand nine hundred ninety three feet, more or less, (1993'+/-) to a point; thence

N12°45'03"E continuing along the easterly side of Interstate Route 24 Amvets Memorial Highway a distance of six hundred forty four feet, more or less, (644'+/-) to a point at the westerly end of the existing General Residential & Farming/Business zoning line; thence

N82°06'28"E along the existing General Residential & Farming/Business zoning line a distance of eight hundred eighty one feet, more or less, (881'+/-) to a point on the westerly side of Lincoln Street; thence

S20°18'32"E along the westerly side of Lincoln Street a distance of thirty seven feet, more or less, (37'+/-) to a point; thence

S77°58'57"Wa distance of two hundred forty and sixty three hundredths feet (240.63') to a point; thence

S07°40'32"E a distance of four hundred forty nine and five hundredths feet (449.05') to a point; thence

N74°10'20"E a distance of three hundred thirty four and thirty two hundredths feet (334.32') to the point of beginning.

The foregoing parcel is shown on a drawing attached hereto entitled, "Proposed Zoning Change Plan of Land in West Bridgewater, MA", prepared by: Bay Colony Group, Inc. Professional Civil Engineers & Land Surveyors, 4 School Street, Foxborough MA 02035, dated: March 27, 2008, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO AMEND THE EXISTING ZONING MAP OF THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER BY REMOVING THE AREA DESCRIBED ON THE WARRANT FROM GENERAL RESIDENTIAL AND FARMING (GRF) DISTRICT AND ESTABLISHING THE SAME AS BUSINESS (B) DISTRICT.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY A 2/3 COUNTED VOTE. YES 532, NO 68

Art. 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer funds to pay old bills or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **TO PASS WITHOUT ACTION.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Art. 3 To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to provide for committed expenditures through June 30, 2008 or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO TRANSFER FROM THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS OR FUNDS TO THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS TO PROVIDE FOR COMMITTED EXPENDITURES THROUGH JUNE 30, 2008.**

TRANSFER FROM:

Dept. No.		Amount
7520 Short-Term debt		$19,500
9100 Benefits Budget		58,590
	TOTAL	$78,090

TRANSFER TO:

Dept. No.		Amount
1850 Rent Control Board		$ 90
2200 Fire		73,000
4330 Solid Waste Disposal		5,000
	TOTAL	$ 78,090

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Art. 4 To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize the following changes to the Town of West Bridgewater General By-Laws Article 16. Personnel. Section 8.b.(2)-(4) covering vacation leave and adding a new section 8.b.(5)

"Employees shall be entitled to vacation leave as follows:

(1) An employee with one (1) year but less than five (5) years of continuous employment with the Town shall be entitled to ten (10) days of vacation leave in his employment year.

(2) An employee with five (5) years but less than eleven (11) years continuous employment with the Town shall be entitled to fifteen (15) days of vacation leave in his employment year.

(3) An employee with eleven (11) years but less than sixteen (16) years of continuous employment with the Town shall be entitled to twenty (20) days of vacation leave in his employment year.

(4) An employee with sixteen (16) years but less than twenty-one (21) years of continuous employment with the Town shall be entitled to twenty-five (25) days of vacation leave in his employment year.

(5) An employee with twenty-one (21) years or more of continuous employment with the Town shall be entitled to thirty (30) days of vacation leave in his employment year" or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE CHANGES TO THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER GENERAL BY-LAWS ARTICLE 16 PERSONNEL SECTION 8.B.(2)-(4) COVERING VACATION LEAVE AND ADDING A NEW SECTION 8.B.(5) AS PRINTED ON THE WARRANT.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY MAJORITY

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize changes to the Town of West Bridgewater General By-Laws Article 16. Personnel. Section 6. Longevity Pay by changing paragraph "a." and increasing the amount of longevity pay earned after the requisite number of years.
"a. A full-time employee, including department heads, who completes the number of years indicated below of creditable service shall be granted a longevity lump-sum payment in the amount set forth below for the number of years of such service he has completed.

Five (5) years:	$300.00
Ten (10) years:	$500.00
Fifteen (15) years:	$750.00
Twenty (20) years:	$900.00
Twenty-five (25) years:	$1,450.00"

Or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE CHANGES TO THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER GENERAL BY-LAWS ARTICLE 16, PERSONNEL SECTION 6. LONGEVITY PAY. BY CHANGING PARAGRAPH "A" AND INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF LONGEVITY PAY EARNED AFTER THE REQUISITE NUMBER OF YEARS AS PRINTED ON THE WARRANT.

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY MAJORITY

Art. 6. To see if the Town will vote to approve and authorize changes to the Town of West Bridgewater General By-Laws Article 16. Personnel. Section 6. Longevity Pay by adding a new paragraph "c."

"c. Each part-time worker who is a benefit eligible employee who completes the number of years of continuous employment indicated in paragraph a. above shall be granted a longevity lump-sum payment annually in an amount proportionate to the amount paid full-time employees under paragraph a. above. Such amount shall be in the proportion his regularly scheduled workweek bears to the regular workweek scheduled for full-time employees" or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE CHANGES TO THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER GENERAL BY-LAWS ARTICLE 16 PERSONNEL SECTION 6. BY ADDING A NEW PARAGRAPH "C" AS PRINTED ON THE WARRANT.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Community Preservation Committee Bylaw as Article 48 in the Town's General By-Laws as described as follows:

Chapter 1. Establishment

(1) There is hereby established a Community Preservation Committee consisting of nine voting members pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B. The Committee shall consist of the following members:

One (1) member of the Historical Commission as designated by said Commission for a term of three (3) years.

One (1) member of the Conservation Commission as designated by said Commission for a term of three (3) years.

One (1) member of the Forestry and Parks Department as designated by the Forestry Superintendent for a term of three (3) years.

One (1) member of the West Bridgewater Housing Authority as designated by the Authority for an initial term of two (2) years and thereafter for a term of three (3) years.

One (1) member of the Planning Board as designated by said Board for an initial term of two (2) years and thereafter for a term of three (3) years.

One (1) member of the Open Space Committee as designated by said Committee for an initial term of two (2) years and thereafter for a term of three (3) years.

Three (3) additional at-large members to be designated by the Board of Selectmen for an initial term of one (1) year and thereafter for terms of three (3) years.

(2) The term for the first-appointed Community Preservation Committee will begin on July 1, 2008, ending on June 30 at end of said term. Subsequent terms will begin on July 1 of each year and will be for three years. Any vacancy on the Community Preservation Committee shall be filled by the commission, authority or board that designated the member who creates the vacancy by designating another member in accordance with Section (1) above for the unexpired term.

(3) Should any commission, authority or board designating a member for the Community Preservation Committee cease to exist for whatever reason the Board of Selectmen will determine the appropriate alternative designating commission, authority or board.

Chapter 2. Duties

(1) The Community Preservation Committee shall study the needs, possibilities and resources of the town regarding community preservation. The Committee shall consult with existing municipal boards, including the conservation commission, the historical commission, the planning board, the parks and recreation committee and the housing authority, or persons acting in those capacities or performing like duties, in conducting such studies. As part of its study, the committee shall hold one or more public informational hearings on the needs, possibilities and resources of the town regarding community preservation possibilities and resources, notice of which shall be posted publicly, including on the Town's web page and published for each of two weeks preceding a hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the town. The Committee will file an annual report on its activities to the Town Clerk.

(2) The Community Preservation Committee shall make recommendations to the Town Meeting for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space; for the acquisition, rehabilitation, restoration and preservation of historic resources; for the acquisition, creation and preservation of land for recreational use; for the acquisition, creation, preservation and support of community housing; and for the rehabilitation or restoration of such open space, land for recreational use and community housing that is acquired or created as provided in this section. With respect to community housing, the Community Preservation Committee shall recommend, wherever possible, the reuse of existing buildings, or construction of new buildings on previously developed sites.

(3) The Community Preservation Committee may include in its recommendations to the Town Meeting a recommendation to set aside for later spending funds for specific purposes that are consistent with community preservation, but for which sufficient funds are not then available in the Community Preservation Fund to accomplish that specific purpose, or to set aside for later spending funds for general purposes that are consistent with community preservation.

Chapter 3. Requirements for a quorum and cost estimates

The Community Preservation Committee shall not meet or conduct business without the presence of a quorum. A majority of the members of the Community Preservation Committee shall constitute a quorum. The Community Preservation Committee shall approve its actions by majority vote. Meetings will be held in accordance with the open meeting law. Recommendations to the Town Meeting shall include their anticipated costs.

Chapter 4. Amendments

The Community Preservation Committee shall, from time to time, review the administration of this By-law, making recommendations, as needed, for changes in the By-law and in administrative practice to improve the operations of the Community Preservation Committee. This Bylaw may be amended from time to time by a majority vote of the Town Meeting, provided that the amendments would not be in conflict with Chapter 44B of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Chapter 5. Severability

In case any section, paragraph or part of this By-Law be for any reason declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of last resort, every other section, paragraph or part shall continue in full force and effect.

Chapter 6. Effective Date

Since the Community Preservation Act was approved by the voters at the April 2008 Town Election, and following Town Meeting approval of this By-Law at the June 2008 Town Meeting, this By-Law shall take effect immediately upon approval by the Attorney General of the Commonwealth. Each appointing authority shall have thirty days after approval by the Attorney General to make their initial appointments. Should any appointing authority fail to make their appointment within that allotted time, the Selectmen shall make the appointment, or take any action relative thereto.

MOVE: **THAT THE TOWN VOTE TO ADOPT A COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE BYLAW AS ARTICLE 48 IN THE TOWN'S GENERAL BY-LAWS AS PRINTED ON THE WARRANT AND ESTABLISH SAID COMMITTEE FORTHWITH.**

UPON VOTE, MOTION PASSED BY MAJORITY

Art. 8 To transact any other business which may legally come before this meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 9:40 P.M.

A true copy, Attest: Nancy L. Morrison

Nancy L. Morrison, Town Clerk

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER
STATE PRIMARY ELECTION
SEPTEMBER 16, 2008

The State Primary Election was held at the Spring Street School on Tuesday, September 16, 2008. Constable Walter Thayer posted the Warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws.

Specimen ballots, cards of instruction and abstracts of the laws imposing penalties upon voters were posted as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The voting machines were inspected by the police officer on duty and the Wardens, a zero total was printed out and posted. A total of 1300 Democratic, 800 Republican, 45 Green-Rainbow and 23 Working Families ballots were given to each Warden, Warren Turner and Paul McMahon, and a receipt given to the Town Clerk for the same.

At the close of the polls at 8:00 p.m. a total of 453 votes had been cast.

The following workers were sworn in:

Precinct One: Paul McMahon, Warden; Barbara Roulstone, Clerk; Beverly Reynolds, Marilyn Raleigh, Roberta Turner, Joan McAndrew, Checkers; Pam Humphreys, Tally.

Precinct Two: Warren Turner, Warden; Donald MacDonald, Clerk; Janet Beaulieu, June Carveth, Pauline Peterson, Sandra Irving, Checkers; Kevin Kelley; Tally.

Cameron Hay and Duncan Hay assisted with the setting up and the taking down of the election equipment.

The results of the election were as follows:

DEMOCRATIC

SENATOR IN CONGRESS	**PREC. 1**	**PREC. 2**	**TOTAL**
John F. Kerry	116	92	208
Edward J. O'Reilly	74	69	143
Blanks	0	7	7
Write-In	0	0	0
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS			
Stephen F. Lynch	137	127	264
Blanks	52	41	93
Write-In	1	0	1

COUNCILLOR	PREC. 1	PREC. 2	TOTAL
Kelly A. Timilty	104	105	209
Robert L. Jubinville	47	39	86
Blanks	39	24	63
Write-In	0	0	0
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT			
Brian A. Joyce	138	121	259
Blanks	49	47	96
Write-In	3	0	3
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT			
Christine Canavan	141	117	258
Blanks	46	51	97
Write-In	3	0	3
CLERK OF COURTS			
Robert S. Creedon, Jr	136	119	255
Blanks	53	49	102
Write-In	1	0	1
REGISTER OF PROBATE			
Robert E. McCarthy	129	117	246
Blanks	61	51	112
Write-In	190	168	358
COUNTY TREASURER			
Thomas J. O'Brien	94	86	180
Timothy J. McMullen	62	57	119
Blanks	33	25	58
Write-In	1	0	1
COUNTY COMMISSIONER			
John Patrick Riordan	68	55	123
Laurie M. Maker	62	59	121
Anthony Thomas O'Brien	82	62	144
Richard J. Zaccaro	57	49	106
Blanks	111	111	222
Write-In	0	0	0

REPUBLICAN

SENATOR IN CONGRESS	PREC. 1	PREC. 2	TOTAL
Jeffrey K. Beatty	44	41	85
Blanks	3	3	6
Write-In	0	2	2
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS			
Blanks	35	42	77
Write-In	12	4	16
COUNCILLOR			
Blanks	38	44	82
Write-In	9	2	11
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT			
Blanks	38	42	80
Write-In	9	4	13
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT			
Blanks	38	44	82
Write-In	9	2	11
CLERK OF COURTS			
Blanks	39	44	83
Write-In	8	2	10
REGISTER OF PROBATE			
Blanks	39	44	83
Write-In	8	2	10
COUNTY TREASURER			
Edward J. O'Connell	39	35	74
Blanks	7	9	16
Write-In	1	2	3
COUNTY COMMISSIONER			
Ronald K. Davy	40	35	75
Blanks	53	57	110
Write-In	1	0	1

GREEN-RAINBOW

SENATOR IN CONGRESS	PREC. 1	PREC. 2	TOTAL
Blanks	0	0	0
Write-In	2	0	2
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS			
Blanks	1	0	1
Write-In	1	0	1
COUNCILLOR			
Blanks	2	0	2
Write-In	0	0	0
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT			
Blanks	2	0	2
Write-In	0	0	0
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT			
Blanks	2	0	2
Write-In	0	0	0
CLERK OF COURTS			
Blanks	2	0	2
Write-In	0	0	0
REGISTER OF PROBATE			
Blanks	2	0	2
Write-In	0	0	0
COUNTY TREASURER			
Blank	2	0	2
Write-In	0	0	0
COUNTY COMMISSIONER			
Blanks	4	0	4
Write-In	0	0	0

There were no ballots cast for the Working Families Party

A true copy, Attest: Nancy L. Morrison
Nancy L. Morrison, Town Clerk

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER
STATE (PRESIDENTIAL) ELECTION
NOVEMBER 4, 2008
SPRING STREET SCHOOL

The State (Presidential) Election was held at the Spring School on Tuesday, November 4, 2008. Constable Walter Thayer posted the Warrant issued by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws.

Specimen ballots, cards of instruction and abstracts of the laws imposing penalties upon voters were posted as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The polls were opened at 7:00 a.m. as required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The voting machines were inspected by the police officer on duty and the Wardens, a zero total was printed out and posted. A total of 3400 ballots and 250 partial ballots were given to each Warden, Warren Turner and Marilyn Raleigh, and a receipt given to the Town Clerk for the same.

At the close of the polls at 8:00 pm a total of 3983 votes had been cast.

The following workers were sworn in:

Precinct One: Marilyn Raleigh, Warden; Marion Loughman, Clerk; Beverly Reynolds, Mary Petrie, Roberta Waite, Barbara Roulstone; Checkers, Jean Rix, and Mary Ann Donohue; Floaters, Pam Humphreys, Tally.

Precinct Two: Warren Turner, Warden; Donald MacDonald, Clerk; Janet Beaulieu, June Carveth, Joan McAndrew, Sandra Irving, Checkers; Diane Perry and Jean Patchel, Floaters, Kevin Kelley, Tally.

Cameron Hay and Duncan Hay assisted with the setting up and the taking down of the election equipment.

The results of the election could not be certified until the provisional ballots and the overseas ballots were validated. Of the 7 provisional ballots cast on Election Day, 3 were validated and certified. Of the 6 overseas ballot received by 5:00 p.m., November 14, 2008, 6 were validated and certified. The results were as follows:

PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT	PREC. 1	PREC. 2	TOTAL
Baldwin & Castle, Constitution	4	0	4
Barr & Root, Libertarian	9	14	23
McCain & Palin, Republican	1121	1042	2163
McKinney & Clements, Green-Rainbow	2	7	9
Nader & Gonzalez, Independent	16	22	38
Obama & Biden, Democratic	832	869	1701
Blanks	14	11	25
Write-In	14	15	29
SENATOR IN CONGRESS			
John F. Kerry, Democratic	962	1017	1979
Jeffrey K. Beatty, Republican	891	828	1719
Robert J. Underwood, Libertarian	73	53	126
Blanks	86	80	164
Write-In	0	2	2
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS			
Stephen F. Lynch, Democratic	1419	1435	2854
Blanks	572	525	1097
Write-In	21	20	41
COUNCILLOR			
Kelly A. Timilty, Democratic	1293	1298	2591
Blanks	704	668	1372
Write-In	15	14	29
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT			
Brian A. Joyce, Democratic	1353	1370	2723
Blanks	640	596	1236
Write-In	19	14	33
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT			
Christine E. Canavan	1388	1364	2752
Blanks	604	601	1205
Write-In	20	15	35
REGISTER OF PROBATE			
Robert E. McCarthy, Democratic	1310	1289	2599
Blanks	690	679	1369
Write-In	12	12	24

COUNTY TREASURER	PREC. 1	PREC. 2	TOTAL
Thomas J. O'Brien, Democratic	925	950	1875
Edward J. O'Connell, Republican	813	745	1558
Blanks	273	284	557
Write-In	1	1	2

COUNTY COMMISSIONER (Vote for 2)			
John Patrick Riordan, Democratic	726	757	1483
Ronald K. Davy, Republican	704	628	1332
Anthony Thomas O'Brien, Democratic	601	602	1203
Scott M. Vecchi, Unenrolled	222	217	439
Blanks	1767	1755	3522
Write-In	4	1	5

CLERK OF COURTS (To fill Vacancy)			
Robert S. Creedon, Jr., Democratic	1372	1368	2740
Blanks	632	603	1235
Write-In	8	9	17

REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE-SOUTHEASTERN (Brockton-4 yrs.)			
Mark Linde, Brockton	1221	1184	2445
Blanks	786	791	1577
Write-In	5	5	10

REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE-SOUTHEASTERN (E. Bridgewater-To fill vacancy)			
Joseph Dutcher, E. Bridgewater	1337	1318	2655
Blanks	668	656	1324
Write-In	7	6	13

REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE-SOUTHEASTERN (Foxborough-4 yrs.)			
Daniel Iagatte, III, Foxborough	1215	1223	2438
Blanks	789	752	1541
Write-In	8	5	13

REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE-SOUTHEASTERN (Mansfield-4 yrs.)	PREC. 1	PREC. 2	TOTAL
William Flannery, Mansfield	1224	1208	2432
Blanks	786	765	1551
Write-In	2	7	9
REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE-SOUTHEASTERN (Norton-4 yrs)			
Christopher Deleo, Norton	1199	1205	2404
Blanks	808	766	1574
Write-In	5	9	14
REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE-SOUTHEASTERN (Sharon-4 yrs.)			
Mindy Kempner, Sharon	1184	1197	2381
Blanks	822	775	1597
Write-In	6	8	14
REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE-SOUTHEASTERN (Stoughton-To fill vacancy)			
Roberta Harback, Stoughton	1202	1205	2407
Blanks	806	770	1576
Write-In	4	5	9
QUESTION ONE			
REDUCE STATE INCOME TAX			
Yes	702	693	1395
No	1243	1254	2497
Blanks	67	33	100
QUESTION TWO			
REPEAL CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR MARIJUANA			
Yes	1123	1221	2344
No	822	724	1546
Blanks	67	35	102
QUESTION THREE			
PROHIBIT DOG RACING			
Yes	587	589	1176
No	1359	1356	2715
Blanks	66	35	101

A true copy, Attest: Nancy L. Morrison

Nancy L. Morrison, Town Clerk

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES
BUDGETARY BASIS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	Amended Budget	Actual	Variance Fav(Unfav)
REVENUES:			
Property taxes and liens	$ 15,024,400	$ 14,648,776	$ (375,624)
Motor vehicle and other excise taxes	1,035,000	1,095,676	$ 60,676
Intergovernmental	3,271,311	3,275,454	$ 4,143
Departmental	822,225	1,112,251	$ 290,026
Investment income			$ -
Contributions			$ -
Other income	16,935	22,196	$ 5,261
TOTAL REVENUES	20,169,871	20,154,353	(15,518)
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
General government	1,072,962	1,061,188	$ 11,774
Public safety	3,279,426	3,475,715	$ (196,289)
Education	9,375,239	9,372,690	$ 2,549
Public works	797,386	983,016	$ (185,630)
Human services	317,521	314,832	$ 2,689
Culture and recreation	538,680	535,271	$ 3,409
Employee benefits	2,902,145	2,655,337	$ 246,808
Intergovernmental	683,199	678,450	$ 4,749
Insurances			$ -
Articles			$ -
Debt service:			$ -
Principal	784,777	784,777	$ -
Interest	487,812	466,052	$ 21,760
Transfers	97,375		$ 97,375
new articles		157,800	$ (157,800)
capital outlay		91,231	$ (91,231)
Articles-(included in expenditure line items above)	53,676	(53,676)	$ 107,352
Encumbrances-(included in expenditure line items above)	195,355	(195,355)	$ 390,710
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	20,585,553	20,327,328	258,226
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Proceeds of general obligation bonds	2,279,000	(2,279,000)	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	2,279,000	(2,279,000)	-
Excess (Deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other uses	$ 20,585,553	$ 20,327,328	$ 242,708

See notes to basic financial statements.

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER
OPERATING BUDGET
AS OF JUNE 30, 2008

DEPARTMENT	FY08 ORIG BUDGET	FY08 ADJ BUDGET	FY08 EXPENDITURE	FY08 BALANCE
TOWN MODERATOR	588	588	338	250
SELECTMAN	143,657	155,330	142,073	13,257
RESERVE FUND/ADMINISTRATOR	88,861	88,861	88,813	48
FINANCE COMMITTEE	300	300	169	131
RESERVE FUND	50,000	0	0	0
ACCOUNTANT	87,725	87,725	85,394	2,331
ASSESSORS	120,306	130,665	122,624	8,041
TREASURER-COLLECTOR	242,420	242,420	239,805	2,615
TOWN COUNSIL	73,000	122,823	118,567	4,256
DATA PROCESSING	36,488	40,658	37,421	3,237
CABLE TV COMMITTEE	1,100	1,100	155	945
TAX TITLE	0	0	2,097	(2,097)
TOWN CLERK	94,763	94,883	94,772	111
ELECTION & REGISTRATION	18,991	19,591	18,083	1,508
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	31,269	34,269	31,181	3,088
OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE	380	2,380	100	2,280
PLANNING BOARD	16,874	17,409	17,368	41
BOARD OF APPEALS	5,157	5,157	4,522	635
RENT CONTROL BOARD	1,300	1,390	1,390	0
PUBLIC BLDGS AND PROP. MAIN	500	500	0	500
INSURANCES	126,500	119,500	116,139	3,361
TOWN HALL	50,000	53,238	49,770	3,467
MUNI BLDG NEEDS	1,283	46,669	2,265	44,404
WASTEWATER TREATMENT	8,000	8,000	2,522	5,478
POLICE DEP	1,890,895	1,973,084	1,948,721	24,363
FIRE DEP	1,249,730	1,397,730	1,393,322	4,408
BUILDING INSPECTOR	107,055	107,205	105,865	1,340
INSPECTOR OF GAS & PL	10,893	11,067	10,664	403
SEALER OF WEIGHTS	4,435	4,454	4,453	1
INSPECTOR OF WIRES	10,893	11,067	10,617	450
DOG OFFICER	5,525	5,525	2,076	3,449
PARK DEPARTMENT	207,529	211,823	204,099	7,724
SCHOOL	9,375,239	9,486,668	9,374,164	112,504

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER
OPERATING BUDGET
AS OF JUNE 30, 2008

DEPARTMENT	FY08 ORIG BUDGET	FY08 ADJ BUDGET	FY08 EXPENDITURE	FY08 BALANCE
HIGHWAY ADMIN	342,223	348,964	348,964	0
HWY CONSTRUCTION MAIN	51,263	71,590	56,982	14,608
HWY SNOW AND ICE	65,000	130,635	230,661	(100,026)
STREET LIGHTING	55,500	61,500	60,837	663
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL	204,745	209,745	207,183	2,562
VEH MAIN SUPER	76,635	79,099	76,413	2,686
TREE WARDEN DEP	2,020	2,090	1,976	114
BOARD OF HEALTH	105,310	110,428	109,892	536
PLYMOUTH CO RAPE CRIS	1,500	1,500	1,500	0
BROCKTON AREA ARK	250	250	250	0
COUNCIL ON AGING	172,188	173,388	173,418	(30)
VETERANS SERVICES	38,273	29,773	29,771	2
LIBRARY SERVICES	328,501	328,501	328,501	0
PLYMOUTH COUNTY EXTENSION	200	200	0	200
HISTORICAL COMMISSION	950	950	0	950
VETERANS & MEMORIAL D	2,500	2,671	2,671	0
RETIREMENT OF DEBT	784,777	784,777	784,777	0
INT ON LONG TERM DEBT	262,812	262,812	260,699	2,113
INT ON SHORT TERM DEBT	225,000	206,445	207,111	(666)
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	2,775,645	2,634,958	2,539,197	95,761
TOTAL GENERAL FUND - 1	19,556,948	19,922,354	19,650,352	272,002

DEPARTMENT	FY08 ORIG BUDGET	FY08 ADJ BUDGET	FY08 EXPENDITURE	FY08 BALANCE
TOTAL WATER DEPT FUND - 24	1,278,256	1,503,010	1,316,908	186,102

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2008

UNAUDITED

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Water Fund	Capital Project Funds	Stabilization Fund	Trust Funds & Agency Accounts	Long-Term Debt	Total
ASSETS								
Pooled cash	$ 986,278	$ 1,107,621	$ 195,029	$ 427,519	$ 11,603	$ 563,032	$ -	$ 3,291,082
Receivables:								-
Real estate and personal property taxes	1,228,116	-	-			-		1,228,116
Tax liens & possessions	403,070	-	-			-		403,070
Motor vehicle excise	343,617	-	-			-		343,617
User fees	-	-	-			-		-
Departmental and other	182,855	-	374,830			-		557,685
Interest	-	-	-			-		-
Intergovernmental	-	58,454	-			-	-	58,454
Other- MWPAT	-	-	-			-	-	-
Due from Trust funds	13,761							13,761
Amount to be provided	-	-	-			-	4,899,096	4,899,096
	-	-	-			-		-
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 3,157,697	$ 1,166,075	$ 569,859	$ 427,519	$ 11,603	$ 563,032	$ 4,899,096	$ 10,794,881
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES								
LIABILITIES:								
Warrants payable	$ 817,886	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 817,886
Deposits & Other liabilities	116,752				-	266,813		383,565
Abandoned property	-					79,104	-	79,104
Intergovernmental	-				-	4,166	-	4,166
Due to General fund	-					13,761	-	13,761
Allowance for abatements & exemptions	199,073					-		199,073
Deferred revenues	1,958,585		374,830					2,333,415
Bond Anticipation Notes Payable, Current				6,883,977				6,883,977
Bonds Payable	-			-		-	4,899,096	4,899,096
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,092,296	-	374,830	6,883,977	-	363,844	4,899,096	15,614,043
FUND BALANCES:								
Reserved for:								
Encumbrances and continuing appropriations	249,031	-	172,846			-		421,877
Appropriation Deficits	(100,056)	-	(1,016)			-		(101,072)
Expenditures	-		21,855			-		21,855
Endowment	-		-			-		-
Designated -Specific Purpose	-	-	-			-		-
Undesignated	(83,574)	1,166,075	1,344	(6,456,458)	11,603	199,188		(5,161,822)
	-	-				-		-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	65,401	1,166,075	195,029	(6,456,458)	11,603	199,188	-	(4,819,162)
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	$ 3,157,697	$ 1,166,075	$ 569,859	$ 427,519	$ 11,603	$ 563,032	$ 4,899,096	$ 10,794,881

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS
June 30, 2008

ACCOUNT	Library Construction 30	Water well Construction 31	School Roof 32	Assessors Maps 33	Police/Fire Construction 34	Misc Equipment 36	Soil Absorption 37	B/S to DOR Totals
Cash	2,766.36	17,889.05	40,686.46	6,273.67	(120,123.86)	226,877.63	253,149.62	427,518.93
	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
Receivables	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
Total assets	2766.36	17,889.05	40,686.46	6,273.67	(120,123.86)	226,877.63	253,149.62	427,518.93
Liabilities:								
Warrants & accts payable	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
Accrued liabilities	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
Bond anticipation notes	-	-	760,000.00	-	4,564,000.00	632,977.00	927,000.00	6,883,977.00
	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
Fund balances:	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
Reserved:	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
Encumbrances	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
Subsequent year exp	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
Designated	2,766.36	17,889.05	(719,313.54)	6,273.67	(4,684,123.86)	(406,099.37)	(673,850.38)	(6,456,458.07)
	-	-	-	-	-		-	-
Total liabilities & fd balance	2,766.36	17,889.05	40,686.46	6,273.67	(120,123.86)	226,877.63	253,149.62	427,518.93

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
June 30, 2008

ACCOUNT	School Cafeteria 22	Highway Funds 23	Fed & State Grants 25	Gen Gov Fed & St Grant 26	Revolving Funds 27	Receipts Res for approp 28	Gifts/ donations 29	Totals
Cash	84,073.10	16,129.28	(1,932.41)	130,449.75	724,826.83	51,438.04	102,636.10	1,107,620.69
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Receivables	-	-	-	-	58,454.00	-	-	58,454.00
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total assets	84073.1	16,129.28	(1,932.41)	130,449.75	783,280.83	51,438.04	102,636.10	1,166,074.69
Liabilities:								
Warrants & accts payable	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reserved:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Encumbrances	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subsequent year exp	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unreserved	84,073.10	16,129.28	(1,932.41)	130,449.75	783,280.83	51,438.04	102,636.10	1,166,074.69
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities & fd balance	84,073.10	16,129.28	(1,932.41)	130,449.75	783,280.83	51,438.04	102,636.10	1,166,074.69

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
TRUST FUNDS & AGENCY
June 30, 2008

ACCOUNT	Non-Expendable 81	Expendable 82	Agency Accounts 89	Totals
Cash	79,063.01	133,886.29	350,082.98	563,032.28
		-	-	-
Receivables	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Total assets	79063.01	133,886.29	350,082.98	563,032.28
Liabilities:				
Warrants & accts payable	-	-	-	-
Tailings & Other Liabs	-	-	79,104.02	79,104.02
Deposits	-	-	266,812.91	266,812.91
Due Other governments	-	-	4,166.05	4,166.05
Due other funds	-	13,760.83	-	13,760.83
	-	-	-	-
Fund balances:	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Reserved:	-	-	-	-
Encumbrances	-	-	-	-
Subsequent year exp	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Unreserved	79,063.01	120,125.46	-	199,188.47
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities & fd balance	79,063.01	133,886.29	350,082.98	563,032.28

West Bridgewater School Committee

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James Holden, Clerk
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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of West Bridgewater:

As usual, 2008 was another successful year for the students of West Bridgewater. Over 95% of the class of 2008 pursued higher education and several students have realized success in the military. Our graduating seniors once again were accepted to many prestigious and competitive institutions of higher learning based on their academic achievements and the solid educational foundation they acquired through the West Bridgewater public school system. For the eighth straight year, the graduating class achieved 100% passing of the high-stakes grade 10 MCAS.

In 2008, our students continued to achieve recognition for academic achievements, many of our athletic teams secured league championships, and our drama and band programs continue to thrive. Our students, faculty, administrators have worked hard under the capable leadership of Superintendent, Dr. Oakley, to continue the strong tradition of Wildcat pride!

The School Committee is very proud of our stellar school system that the surrounding towns envy. We look forward to continuing to work together with our community to provide the best education for all our students.

Respectively submitted,

Nancy Maloney, Chairperson

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Annual Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of West Bridgewater:

The West Bridgewater Public Schools would like to thank the residents of West Bridgewater for their continued support of our educational system. There is a definite sense of pride in West Bridgewater, exhibited by the School Committee, Selectmen, Finance Committee, and other Town Committees. Because of our dedicated staff who contributed their time, energy, effort and resources to our children, the School Department is able to continue to provide a quality education to each child.

In June the School Department said goodbye to the following retirees: Christine McEnaney, Martha Russell, Pat Conniff, Evelyn Bandlow, Trish Mayer, and Lorrie Mardo, each of whom will be greatly missed by all.

On August 19th and 20th, Mrs. Nancy Emord conducted an orientation for new teachers. Nine new teachers were hired for the 2008-2009 school year. This orientation is the first phase of a year-long mentoring program, which provides new teachers with the support they need to become successful in the teaching profession. The newest staff members are: Amy Theriault, Middle School Reading Teacher; Carol Battaglia, Grade 6 Math Teacher; Samantha Lang, Grade 6 ELA Teacher; Sarah Roy, High School Social Studies Teacher; Courtney Bumpus ; Elementary Physical Education Teacher; Anna Mills, Grade 6 Social Studies; Michael Hyde, High School Math Teacher; Linda McAlduff, High School English; and Courtney Sergio, High School Instructional Assistant.

During 2008, the Middle/Senior High School continued their self-study phase of the NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) re-accreditation process. The accreditation program for public schools involves a threefold process: the self-study conducted by the local professional staff, the on-site evaluation conducted by the Commission's visiting committee, and the follow-up program carried out by the school to implement the findings of its own self-study and the valid recommendations of the visiting committee and those identified by the Commission in the Follow-Up process. Continued accreditation requires that the school be reevaluated at least once every ten years and that it show continued progress. The NEASC Committee will be conducting the accreditation in March 2009. The final accreditation report and the school's accreditation status should be finalized by September 2009. West Bridgewater High School has been accredited through NEASC since 1955.

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In April, the Strategic Planning Committee, the School Committee, and the building level School Improvement Councils met to present and discuss the progress towards meeting their goals for improvement. Each Principal presented their School Improvement Plans to the group, which for the first time used a format solely based on increasing student achievement.

In September, we received the 2008 MCAS scores. The district continued to show improvement gains towards proficiency in the areas of the Math and English Language Arts. The accountability provision of the No Child Left Behind Act requires that each school district make adequate yearly progress (AYP) toward meeting a national goal of all students being "proficient" in mathematics and English Language Arts by the year 2014. I am pleased to report that all of the schools in West Bridgewater continued to make AYP. In addition, the district received the 100% highly qualified teacher status as reported by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.

In April 2007, the Town approved the money to repair/replace the roof at the Rose L. MacDonald School. The Town appropriated 51.3% of the funds and the remaining 49.7% of the cost was funded through the Massachusetts Building Association (MSBA).

During the winter and spring of 2008, in partnership with Strategic Building Solutions (SBA) out of Framingham, Massachusetts, the West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High School Feasibility Study Committee conducted a school facility strategic planning study. The study included a facilities condition assessment, space quantification and utilization analysis, enrollment impact analysis, and program modernization planning. After an in-depth analysis of the elements of each of these areas, final recommendations regarding a renovation/addition to the existing MSHS facility were voted on and approved by the committee. The final report was presented to and accepted by the School Committee in May 2008. The results of the feasibility study report were used to submit a Statement of Interest to the MSBA to receive funding for a renovation/addition project for the MSHS in the future. Gary Keith, a parent, was selected Chairman of the Committee. Members of the Feasibility Study Committee included School Committee Members Nancy Maloney, Chip Bradford and Anne Iannitelli; Jeffrey Szymaniak, Principal; Police Chief Donald Clark; Fire Chief Len Hunt; Lorrie Mardo, Business Manager; Jim Lang, Finance Committee Member; Julie Hamblin, Director of Buildings and Grounds; and parents, Enrique Arce, Jim Kjelgaard, Marc Barrile, Molly Smith, Sean Cullinane, Susan Kenneally and Terry Daly.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia W. Oakley

Patricia W. Oakley, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools

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Annual Report from the Director of Special Education

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Residents of West Bridgewater,

I respectfully submit my 2009 annual report for the Special Education Department. I am pleased to report that the West Bridgewater Public Schools continues as a school system that takes pride in providing an outstanding program for students with special needs. I can report with confidence that we have teachers who work very hard to accomplish our goals. First and foremost we work to include every student in an educational setting that meets their needs while keeping them included with their fellow classmates as much as possible. West Bridgewater is, in many ways, a model for other school systems who seek to include their special education students in inclusion settings

Spring Street School houses our Early Childhood Center. Special Needs Pre-school students from the age of three to five are included with Play Pals in classroom settings that allow for all students to work at their developmental level. The Kindergarten staff continually tries innovative ways to present the kindergarten curriculum. The Kindergarten program at the Spring Street School has an optional all-day program and special needs students are included in both full and half-day classrooms.

Our elementary schools, the Rose L. MacDonald and Howard Schools, provide services both in the classroom and in special settings with the help of Special Education Teachers and Instructional Assistants. The Middle/Senior High School also provides special education help both in class and in directed study or individual settings.

System-wide, we have two speech therapists that provide articulation and language services as needed for students in Pre-K to 12th grade. An Adaptive Physical Education (A.P.E.) Teacher provides individual services or in-class support for those students who need to work on developing motor skills.

Services for Occupational Therapy (O.T.) and Physical Therapy (P.T.) are provided through READS Collaborative. Students who need assistance with fine motor or physical skills receive their services from the collaborative staff. This utilization of collaborative services allows us to provide cost-effective services by sharing staff with other school districts.

West Bridgewater is part of both the READS Collaborative and the North River Collaborative. Our association with these collaboratives allow us access to specialized services, testing and out-of-district placements for our students. As a small school system, West Bridgewater benefits by joining with other school systems to provide cost-effective programming. Our latest venture with the North River Collaborative involves our participation in a new transportation system that consolidates routes for several surrounding communities and helps us to reduce the transportation costs for students placed in out-of district placements.

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As required by state and federal laws, the West Bridgewater Special Education Department conducts special needs screening for all students entering kindergarten. Additionally, referrals are accepted each year for children as they turn 3 years of age if parents or service providers feel the child may have special needs. The annual child-find and kindergarten special needs screening is conducted in April and May of each year.

In summary, the West Bridgewater Special Education Department provides a comprehensive program of screening, assessment and special education services. The staff of the Special Education Department is to be commended for their unwavering dedication to their students.

Respectfully submitted,

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Town Report for the Middle/Senior High School

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of West Bridgewater:

The mission of the West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High School is to provide a safe, supportive learning environment in which each student will acquire the knowledge, skills, and values necessary to become a life-long learner and responsible citizen in our diverse and changing society.

During the year 2008, West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High School continued preparing for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges accreditation visit which will take place March 15-18, 2009. We began our self study which encompasses 7 standards for accreditation. This is an intense process involving faculty, staff, school committee, parents and students. The feasibility committee finished their report that disseminated the needs of the school in a lengthy report. This report gave options about the types of renovations and implementations the building would need to be a model for education in the 21st century/ the committee's goal to provide direction to the school committee as they began to plan for the 2009/2010 school year.

On a wet Friday, June 6, 2008, 78 seniors received their diplomas. The class of 2008 continued the tradition of participation in the Community Service Learning Program and performed hours of community service as part of their Contemporary Americans Issues (CAI) curriculum. This was a rewarding and mutually beneficial endeavor for the students and the community.

Ninety six percent of the class of 2008 was accepted to go on to post secondary education. 3 students went into vocational training and 1 went into the military. Some of the colleges and universities the students were accepted to include: Atlantic Union, Blaine, BSC, Brockton Hospital for Nursing, Bryant, BHCC, Holy Cross, Curry, Eastern Nazarene, Embry Riddle Aeronautics, Fisher, Johnson and Wales, LaSalle University, MA College of Pharmacy, Massasoit, McGill, Mount Ida, New England Tech, Nichols, Providence College, Quinnipiac University, Rivier College, Roger Williams, St. Leo, Salve Regina, Stonehill, Suffolk, Universal Technical Institute, UMass Amherst, UMass Dartmouth, Notre Dame, Wentworth, Westfield State, Worcester Polytec Institute.

Twenty-nine members of the class of 2008 were recognized by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as John and Abigail Adams Scholarship winners. This award is based on the student's MCAS exams and entitles each student to a scholarship for free tuition at any state college or state university in Massachusetts.

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All members of the class of 2009 passed the state mandated Math and English MCAS tests. A student cannot receive a high school diploma if they have not passed the English/Language Arts and Mathematics MCAS exam. All members of the classes of 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008 also passed this exam. In June of 2008 all but 4 members of the class of 2011 passed the MCAS Biology test. Beginning with the Class of 2010, students must pass a Science MCAS exam to receive a high school diploma.

Various clubs within the Middle/Senior High School participated in activities to showcase their talent and their commitment to our community and beyond. The Key Club sponsored, Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF, a March of Dimes fundraiser, Operation Christmas Child, Hug Tree for children in need, and Dollars-for-Dentists to aid in purchasing supplies for dental care in impoverished areas of the world. The Drama Club showcased their talents in, Thursday Night Live (admission donation to WB food pantry), the spring musical "Oliver" and the winter production of "A Christmas Carol".

As has been the case for many years, the West Bridgewater tradition of athletic excellence continues. During the last school year; seven teams qualified to participate in the MIAA tournament. Two teams won their league title and the softball team played in the state finals. Twenty-five athletes were recognized as league all stars. Nine athletes were selected as Brockton Enterprise All Scholastic. Three coaches were named by their peers as "Coach of the Year". The athletic department also established a winter track program with 40 members. They competed in the Eastern Athletic Conference.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey Szymaniak

Jeffrey Szymaniak, Principal

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Dear Board of Selectmen and Citizens of West Bridgewater,

The Howard School opened its doors to the students on Wednesday, September 3, 2008 with 287 students in grades four, five and six. The 45 faculty and staff members reported to school on Tuesday, September 3rd. Prior to the start of the school year we had a Transition Day for incoming 4th grade students and their parents on Thursday, August 28th. This was the third year for this event. The students participated in various activities with staff members and the parents were invited for lunch.

We have added several new staff members to the Howard School this year. Ms. Courtney Bumpus was hired as an elementary physical education teacher. Ms. Bumpus splits her time between the Howard School and the Rose L. MacDonald School. Mrs. Carol Battaglia was hired as a grade 6 math teacher. Mrs. Samantha Enos was hired as a grade 6 English teacher. The district is fortunate to have the Title I grant back. We hired two part time Title I teachers through the grant. The new Title I teachers are Mrs. Susan Moore and Ms. Jessica Williams. We are very fortunate to have the new staff members here who join our outstanding staff.

The students continue to receive daily instruction in Reading/Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Social Studies. The students in the 6th grade work in a middle school model of scheduling, where they will change classes for each of the core area subjects. All of the teachers continue to teach to the students the standards in the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks to ensure that all of our students are well prepared for the state assessment tests (MCAS) this spring. In addition, students receive instruction in Art, Music (vocal or instrumental), Computer Technology, Health, Library and Physical Education on a weekly basis.

It is a continued goal of the staff and students at the Howard School to improve our performance in the MCAS tests. All of the teachers have met to analyze the previous year's tests and to look into ways that we can address areas that can be improved. The Howard School staff continues to review the curriculum to ensure that we are meeting the state curriculum frameworks in all areas. We continue to strive to give each student the best education possible. This year our fourth grade students will also be involved in the NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) testing program.

The Howard School is fortunate to have curriculum leaders in English, Math and Science/Social Studies. Mrs. Sally Romano continued in the role for English, Mrs. Joan Magnuson continued in the role for Math, and Ms. Sarah Dowling has continued in the role for Science and Social Studies. All three will continue to meet with the teachers in all grade levels to discuss areas of strength, evaluate curriculum, and find areas where we can continue to improve.

Once again, the students had the opportunity to participate in the After-School Program. There were a wide variety of activities that they could choose from for this extracurricular program. We would like to thank Ms. Sarah Dowling for organizing and leading these outstanding programs. It is great to see so many students active in the school after the close of the school day. It is a safe place for them to be with their friends and getting to work with the staff.

This year we had the Howard School Geography Bee. This school wide competition culminated in the finals being held in the gym with the entire school in attendance. It was a wonderful opportunity for the students to be involved in this competition. Mrs. Anna Mills, grade 6 Social Studies teacher, coordinated this event. Our fifth grade students have once again been part of the Savings Makes Cents Program sponsored by Bridgewater

Savings Bank. This program run through the State Treasurers office encourages students to save money and talks about the importance of being financially responsible. Each month speakers would come in to talk to the students.

Once again our sixth grade students will have the opportunity to go to Nature's Classroom in Groton, Massachusetts for a week. They have gone on this trip for the past 11 years. It is a wonderful experience for the students who learn to work together and live together for the week. It could not be done without the dedication of the staff and chaperones who volunteer their time for the week. This is an experience that will stay with the students for a lifetime.

Our students have also had the opportunity to serve and help others. Thank you to Ms. Lucy Smith who continues to lead the Howard School Student Council. The students are elected to this position and there are two students and an alternate from each homeroom. The students have also shown community spirit and support through visiting the Life Care Center of West Bridgewater each month. The students also raised money for UNICEF and the West Bridgewater Food Pantry through their bake sale. The sixth grade students should be congratulated for raising money which was donated to the West Bridgewater Emergency Relief Fund.

Mrs. Beth Smith and April McDermott from the West Bridgewater Public Library continued to work with Mrs. Marie Dowling, the school Librarian, to provide additional library services for the Howard School students. The classes visited the Public Library on a regular basis throughout the school year. The Friends of the Library, under the direction of Kristine Roberts, arranged for grades 4 and 5 to participate in the Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) program. They provided books to the students three times during the year. Thank you to all of the RIF volunteers!

Once again the West Bridgewater P.T.O provided the students with numerous enrichment programs that tied directly to the curriculum. These programs included: Abraham Lincoln, Gabriela Mistral, A Christmas Carol, Cryogenics, Marie Curie, Amazing Americans, Birds of Prey, Electromagnetism, Egypt, Map Making, Science Isn't Always Pretty, Mad About Math, Animal Adaptations, Forces in Motion, Native American Perspectives, Greek Mythology, and many other programs as well as funding for student participation in numerous programs and for various other educational materials. We would like to thank them for their dedication and efforts on behalf of the students and staff.

The Howard School Improvement Council met once a month throughout the school year. I would like to thank the parent volunteers and teacher volunteers who give up their time to serve on the council. They have revised the school improvement plan, reviewed the Howard School budget, and looked for ways to improve the school. We would like to thank all of the members for their efforts to continue to make the Howard School a better place for our students and our staff.

I would like to thank the faculty, staff, students, volunteers and all of the parents of students here at the Howard School. As we all continue to work in a collaborative effort we will continue to see the Howard School excel.

Sincerely,

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Town Report of the Rose L. MacDonald School

To the Honorable Selectman and the Citizens of West Bridgewater:

As of January 1, 2008, 291 students are enrolled at the Rose L. MacDonald School. The Rose L. MacDonald School currently houses four classes of grade one, five classes of grade two, and four of grade three classrooms, for a total of thirteen classrooms. In addition to thirteen certified classroom teachers, we have two certified special education teachers, four certified special education instructional assistants, a school nurse, and a school secretary to round out our faculty. Also, special services are provided by a certified school psychologist, who provides counseling and administers testing for student evaluations. A licensed speech and language pathologist evaluates and services children with speech or language needs. The school psychologist and speech pathologist also service the West Bridgewater Middle/Senior High School (WBMSHS) and Spring St. School as needed. A part-time instructional technology specialist works with teachers and students to integrate subject content with Internet resources and educational software. A reading specialist works with students who benefit from small group instructional sessions and also provides some enrichment classes.

Academic support services are available for students who meet specific criteria. This year the district qualified for Title One federal funds. This funding provided academic support tutoring for students at Rose L. MacDonald School in areas of math and reading.

The Massachusetts Frameworks are aligned with curriculum to address the preparation of students for the state standardized testing requirements. Students receive daily Math instruction using the *Everyday Math Program.* It is an engaging, hands-on program that scaffolds learners as they move from concrete to abstract and symbolic processes in math cognition. It provides ample experiences for the application of math concepts in practical authentic experiences.

English Language Arts instruction addresses all areas of literacy, including listening, speaking, reading, and writing. An assortment of instructional materials speaks to these skill areas, and teachers utilize a repertoire of established teaching strategies. A balanced literacy program, one that utilizes varied and research based effective teaching practices, is at the heart of reading instruction. The Houghton Mifflin *Invitations to Literacy* program is currently utilized at each grade level. Science and Social Studies standards are addressed through the reading program with the use of nonfiction children's

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literature. Children at Rose L. MacDonald also receive instruction in art, music, library, health and physical education each week.

School Council meetings take place on a regular basis at the Rose L. MacDonald School. Parents, teachers and community members meet with the principal. Based on the council's recommendations and a school wide "Satisfaction Survey" a School Improvement Plan is written to outline goals for the coming year that align with the district's Strategic Plan. Goals that address the continual improvement of student achievement as well as maintaining the school facility are included.

The self-supporting after school enrichment program has continued into its fifth year and is now under the leadership of Art teacher, Sue Moran. With the help of teachers as program leaders, a variety of courses including arts and crafts, technology, science, drama and music are offered to youngsters during the sixteen weeks the program runs.

A Surround Care program that provides before and after school childcare is offered at the Rose L. MacDonald School. It provides working parents with safe, conveniently-located and reasonably priced child care for their children both before and after school. Childcare providers organize recreational events, help students with homework, and provide snacks to students in grades one through six.

The newly elected PTO president Marianne Welch- Batstone, along with the P.T.O. officers and members, has continued to work throughout the year on fundraising efforts that provide varied and wonderful enrichment programs related to the curriculum at each grade level. A dedicated core of parent volunteers provides teachers with support by volunteering time in a variety of helpful ways, both in and out of the classroom.

Thanks to the ongoing work of town residents Mariann Lorray, and Kristine Roberts and the Friends of the West Bridgewater Public Library, children receive free books three times a year from the Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) program.

In conclusion, I would like to commend the faculty, staff and families of the Rose L. MacDonald School who continue to work cohesively and with commitment to provide a quality, all-inclusive education for the children of the Rose L. MacDonald School.

Respectfully submitted,

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of West Bridgewater,

The Spring Street School is an Early Childhood Education Center that is equipped to meet the needs of children from 3 through 5 years of age. As of January 1st 2009, there were 85 students enrolled in the kindergarten, 31 students enrolled in the Integrated Preschool, and a combined total of 40 preschoolers enrolled in the morning and afternoon sessions of the *Preschool Play and Learn* program directed by Carolyn Reilly. The Integrated Preschool, directed by Mrs. Anita Labrecque, is accredited by the NAEYC (National Association for Education of Young People) which indicates our preschool meets the high standards set forth by NAEYC for preschools. The Integrated Pre School serves the needs of both special needs students and typically developing play pals.

There are two full day kindergartens and two half-day kindergarten sessions at the Spring Street School. The full day kindergarten program is an option for parents who pay tuition for their children to attend, and currently has a total enrollment of 47 children in two classes. Half day kindergarten is tuition free and currently has a total enrollment of 38 children between a.m. and p.m. sessions. Each kindergarten class has a full-time certified teacher and one instructional assistant.

Students receive instruction in readiness skills, reading, writing and math that align with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks Standards for preschool and kindergarten. Kindergarten students are provided special instruction (by specialist teachers) in Music, Art, Physical Education, Health and Library.

The Spring Street School Improvement Council meets regularly during the year to investigate ways to improve programs, curriculum, and facility and to write a yearly school improvement plan. The "Satisfaction Survey" that goes out to all parents helps the School Improvement members consider parent input in the formation of the yearly improvement plan. School Improvement Council members include, Principal Linda Dubin, Preschool director Mrs. Anita Labrecque, kindergarten teachers Ms. Kara Humphreys and Nancy Sidman and parent member, Mrs. Lyn Puliafico. We thank them for their work on behalf of the school.

A Surround Care program that provides before and after school childcare is offered at the Spring Street School. It provides working parents a safe, conveniently-located child care solution for children both before and after school hours.

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The West Bridgewater P.T.O. actively continues to support the Spring Street School with its fundraising efforts. The proceeds provide many varied enrichment programs and financial support for teacher requests throughout the year such as a Mother Goose storyteller, a hands-on tide pool presentation and visits from children's musical performers.

In closing, I would like to thank our parent volunteers, the PTO, faculty and staff members at the school for their dedication and effort throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda G. Dubin

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2007-2008 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Robert A. Sullivan, School Committee Member

Overview

The Southeastern Regional School District offers twenty-six vocational/technical training programs at its four-year high school and full-year post-secondary program at the Southeastern Technical Institute. In 2007-2008, the School Committee included Winnifred Petkunas, Chairperson, and Wayne McAllister—Brockton; Eric Greene—East Bridgewater; Ralph Armstead—Easton; Robert Girardin—Foxborough; William Flannery—Mansfield; Christopher DeLeo—Norton; Mindy Kempner—Sharon; Roberta Harback—Stoughton; and Robert Sullivan—West Bridgewater. Luis Lopes is the Superintendent of Schools. On October 1, 2007, there were 1,233 students enrolled in the high school, 123 adults were enrolled in the day program and over 300 attended the many evening programs. There were 19 students attending from West Bridgewater.

High School

Under the direction of Principal David Wheeler, the Southeastern Regional High School offered twenty-one vocational-technical programs for the high school students from Brockton, East Bridgewater, Easton, Foxborough, Mansfield, Norton, Sharon, Stoughton and West Bridgewater. The school's mission is to unite our learning community by teaching and developing the skills, knowledge and attitudes necessary to lead lives of responsibility and achievement.

Southeastern Regional High School graduated 241 students in June, 2008, and had 98% of the seniors pass the state required MCAS test. The Class of 2008 graduates also had a ninety-eight percent placement rate in full-time jobs, the military or post-secondary education.

Southeastern academics have continued to be strengthened over the past year, as evidenced by the school meeting its Adequate Yearly Progress Targets in all subgroups. Tenth grade MCAS scores in mathematics went up significantly and English scores have risen as well. Southeastern is also offering its first Advanced Placement classes, including AP Literature and Composition. Additionally, physics was added as a science class for seniors, and junior/senior remediation courses were added for students who have not yet passed MCAS. In terms of curriculum, Southeastern continues to develop district-level common assessments across content areas, and continues to focus on using data to revise curriculum and provide individual student support.

The Program Advisory Committees, comprised of industry representatives, parents and students, met in the fall and spring to discuss and provide recommendations to assist the high school and Technical Institute to stay current with technology and other progress in their fields. The vocational programs of study were Advertising and Design, Automotive Technology, Cabinetmaking, Collision Repair, Computer Aided Drafting, Computer Information Technology, Computer Office Technology, Cosmetology, Culinary Arts, Electricity, Electronics, Environmental Technology, Graphic Communications, Health Services, HVAC (Heating, Ventilation & Air Conditioning), Machine Technology, Metal Fabrication, Plumbing, and Retail & Marketing.

Southeastern Regional, like other district high schools, offers a wide range of interscholastic sports programs at all levels for boys and girls and competes in the Mayflower League. Southeastern Regional's Varsity Football Team played in the Massachusetts Vocational Super Bowl, the Lady Hawks Basketball Team won the Mayflower League Championship, and the Boys' and Girls' Basketball Teams as well as the Baseball team played in the State Tournaments. Next year, we plan to add a Girls' JV Soccer Team and a Girls' Lacrosse Club Team.

Tech Prep, a program designed to provide students with a wide variety of activities and opportunities to explore postsecondary educational options as well as career opportunities, had over 200 participants. They participated in such varied activities as career and college workshops, college placement testing and admissions counseling, leadership training, college and business tours and summer technology camp. Many students completed college courses after school through programs at Massasoit Community College and Bristol Community College as well as during the summer. Southeastern students matriculating at post-secondary institutions were also eligible for articulated credit. Tech Prep's initiatives, open to all registered students with good academic and behavioral records at Southeastern, seek to encourage students to make choices academically and in their vocational programs that will lead to successful college and career experiences.

There are also many extracurricular activities such as clubs, community service programs, and the traditional honor societies to assist students in our nine communities to develop mind and body. Several Southeastern students medaled in the Massachusetts SkillsUSA district and state competitions.

Technical Institute

Southeastern Technical Institute, the adult and community educational component of the Southeastern Regional School District, provides five full-time day diploma programs, five part-time diploma and certificate programs, and three semesters of evening school classes each year to the southeast communities. STI Director Beverly Pusateri oversees the operation of the Technical Institute. Last year STI served over 132 adults in the day programs and over 300 adults in the evening programs. The school's mission is to provide adults with the education and skills for gainful, meaningful employment. To accomplish this, STI is constantly investigating new and emerging career paths, working with community agencies and employers to define the skills needed for employment in a career field with employment potential, advancement, and growth. The full-time day programs include Administrative Office Technology, Dental Assisting, Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning, Medical Assisting and Practical Nurse. The evening programs include: Massage Therapy, Medical Health Claims Specialist, PC Specialists, Phlebotomy and Practical Nurse.

The evening school has classes scheduled Monday through Thursday. We continue to recruit new evening school teachers and look for new programs. Classes range from one-night seminars to two and three night per week courses. The class offerings focus on career courses that enhance one's skills for present employment or ready a person for a new career path. A focus is placed on providing courses that have met national standards and provide national certification.

Course information is distributed via a printed brochure mailed three times a year and by the website www.sti-tech.info.

Southeastern Technical Institute also worked closely with area businesses offering customized training to meet the needs of area companies in Machine Technology, Electrical and Plumbing apprenticeship classes, Electronics, Cabinetmaking and HVAC. STI also provided certificate courses in OSHA, EPA, Oil Burner and ServSafe certification. Also, various computer classes at all levels in AutoCAD, Excel, Word, QuickBooks and web design have been offered to the general public and customized programs developed for area companies. More and more companies are recognizing the valuable resources of the expert teaching staff and facilities available at STI.

Southeastern also partnered with community agencies such as CareerWorks, Pine Street Inn, Mass Rehab, Displaced Homemakers, Department of Employment and Training, Workforce Investment Board, the City of Brockton Mayor's Office on Higher Education, and the MetroSouth Chamber of Commerce offering adult educational programs.

Southeastern students and staff have completed thousands of hours in community service as part of their educational experience. The Practical Nursing programs, both day and evening, Dental Assisting, Medical Assisting, Administrative Office Technology, and Massage Therapy all have internships/clinical experiences as part of the curriculum requirement for graduation.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR OF THE WEST BRIDGEWATER PUBLIC LIBRARY

The highlight of the year 2008 was implementing the second year of the 'Tweens and Teens Grant from the Library Services and Technology Act through the Mass. Board of Library Commissioners. This grant enabled the Library to deliver programs and services that infused a sense of empowerment for young patrons by affording them a means to congregate, be entertained, learn new skills, work with peers on projects and school assignments, continue the Teens Club, and participate in a variety of educational activities and programs. This program appealed to 60 children from the Howard School and the Middle High School. Nanette Ryan, Children's Librarian, and Michelle Sheehan, Assistant Children's Librarian, administered the program. The award was $7,500 in this second year of the project concluding October 2008.

The second reason for excitement was implementing the Equal Access Grant. This was developed by Libraries for the Future, the programming branch of the Americans for Libraries Council, a national non-profit organization for the purpose of promoting new approaches to sustaining and developing libraries in the 21st century. The Public Library earned the Health Access Grant administered by Michelle Sheehan and the Youth Access Grant administered by Nanette Ryan in October 2007. There was a one-year period to promote healthy communities through strengthening capacities. Programs focused on the purchase of health and wellness information, activities and programming, and purchasing books and multi-media for youth. Decisions on programming for youth were made through discussion with the Teen Advisory Board. Nineteen West Bridgewater adult residents were certified in CPR in July. The Health Access Grant focused on building partnerships in the community. The two aspects of the grant equally shared $5,000.

"Wild Reads at Your Library", the summer reading program theme, attracted 250 children for a successful summer of reading and animal program activities. The end of summer "Jungle Safari" wrap-up party brought Tom Chamberlain to town with two bicycle raffles, the prizes donated by Estabrook & Chamberlain Insurance. Fourteen tickets were given as prizes by the Brockton Rox. One youth membership was given as a prize by the Old Colony YMCA in East Bridgewater. Local businesses and patrons gave generously for the purchase of prizes. The Children's Librarian held an animal program every week in the summer. Radical Reptiles, Jungle Encounters, and the Museum of Science Reptile Program were all funded by The Howard Trust. Pony care with Oreo the Pony and Karen Douglas of Stonecroft Farm, Mom and Me Stamping Up, Wolf Talk, and Ed the Wizard: Reading is Magic were some of the programs enjoyed. The Sleep-Over Pajama party for 'tweens and teens was held in July. Trucchi's and Shaw's donated the party refreshments. Davis Bates performed courtesy of the WB Cultural Council grant. The five week Incubation Egg Program was part of the animal themed summer program whereby the equipment and eggs were rented from Animal Affair of Rehoboth. Fifteen chickens were successfully hatched out of 18. Many children with their parents visited the Library weekly to check on the progress of the eggs and hatchlings.

During the rest of the year the Children's Department hosted a variety of programs for children, parents, and caregivers. Picturing America was a display of 40 art reproductions from the National Endowment for the Humanities displayed in the Library Galleria. Study guide questions accompanied each picture for discussion. Story Time sessions and Toddler Story Times were held throughout the year accompanied by seasonal craftmaking activities and occasional guests Sona Hoisington and Katie Porro. Shaw's Receipt Rewards Program was initiated whereby the Library received 1 % of receipts of allowed products purchased by library patrons in Shaw's. In 2008 this amounted to $ 2,436. The Library is grateful to

Shaw's for this generous program. Tikatok.com was invited for a book making/creative writing workshop where 'tweens and teens made their own books. The 4-H Babysitter course, adult CPR, and a Child/Infant CPR course were held for youth ages 12 and up. The Library received a donation from a patron to support the babysitter courses. A music and movement workshop and a Stories and More workshop were held with North River Collaborative for children under the age of 4. A parenting workshop on discipline run by South Bay Early Intervention was presented. The Paul Merklein program was held for the 'tweens and teens at the WBMS High School in October. The teen book discussion group began in October.

Community Service youth volunteers, Emaleigh Robson and Christie Testa, were supervised by Nanette Ryan in the Children's Room. Students from The Howard School continued to utilize the WBPL during monthly library class visits with School Librarian, Mrs. Dowling. April McDermott, Assistant Director, worked with the students on these visits. One hundred kindergarten children signed up as a group for their own library cards and were welcomed to the Library in November.

The Senior Citizen Volunteer Program saw Roberta Maraglia sharing the weekly duties as after school monitor with regular volunteers Denise Lewis and David Church. Tom Fiorentino made many improvements in the Library as handyman in the Senior Citizen Volunteer Program. Irene White worked as a volunteer throughout the year creating record files. Sona Hoisington assisted with story hours. Anne Gillis with her friends Mary Julius, Dorna Bevis, and Joan Daxberger planted and maintained the beauty of the side entrance English garden.

The Library has built a collection of materials numbering 78,195 and received 6,398 new items in the year. Circulation was 59,625. The Library is a Net Lender by loaning out to other libraries 16,176 and borrowing 9,999 items from other libraries. There are 5,042 registered borrowers up 168 from last year. There is an average of 21 reference questions asked per day. The Library website is www.sailsinc.org/westbridgewater. On the website there are links to Library Calendar of All Events and the Library Newsletter, HeddaLines, edited by Webmaster, Asst. Reference Librarian, Karen Ross.

There were many improvements made to the eighteen year old building. Two heat pumps and one condensate pan unit were replaced in the summer courtesy of funding through the Municipal Building Needs Committee. Trustee Jim Moore arranged to have a new metal book drop cover fabricated. Builder Glen Garfield installed the new cover. Southeastern Vocational Technical High School shop students created the new book drop sign which Glen installed.

The Library thanks the Friends of the Library and all the volunteers for the engaging lectures, museum pass program, and the continuation of the Reading Is Fundamental (R.I.F.) program. Friends membership dues, receipts from the ongoing book sale, and private donations funded the R.I.F. distribution of paperback books to the students in grades one through five in January, May, and October. Over 24,400 books have been distributed in this program since its start in 1989 reports Kristine Roberts, RIF Chairperson.

The Library Staff joins me in thanking the citizens of West Bridgewater who continuously support the Public Library. We appreciate that residents recognize that library services are an integral part of community life.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Roll Smith

Beth Roll Smith
Library Director

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Library Trustees Annual Report Letter 2008

To the Honorable Board of Selectman, elected officials and residents of the Town of West Bridgewater:

The Library Board of Trustees takes pleasure in presenting our 2008 annual report.

We are pleased to report that last year was another busy and successful year for the West Bridgewater Public Library.

In response to the recent economic downturn our library has experienced increased usage as many people began relying on our resources to research career and educational opportunities. Many more people are also relying on the library for computer services and internet access as well. In 2008, we also saw an increase in the number of patrons taking advantage of library resources to reduce or eliminate personal expenses by borrowing books rather than buying them or even borrowing from our DVD and VHS movie collection rather than renting movies or going to the theatre. We are pleased these valuable resources are available and we are happy to provide them to our patrons. We encourage all residents to visit the library and learn more about the interesting, entertaining and educational resources available.

We would like to take this opportunity to recognize that the success of our library is due to the support we receive from our community. In that regard, we wish to offer our gratitude to all who support our efforts, including our elected officials, our fellow town residents, our patrons, our volunteers and of course the Friends of the Library. We would also like to thank our staff who has continued providing the exceptional professional services to which our patrons are accustomed while simultaneously developing additional programs and services to reflect the changing needs and interests of our patrons.

The Board of Library Trustees usually meets the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the historical room of the library. However, dates and times can be confirmed at town hall, the public library or the library website, which can be found at www.sailsinc.org/westbridgewater. All town residents are welcome to attend our meetings and participate in the administration of our library.

Respectfully Submitted,

George G. Hardiman

April 14, 2009

George G. Hardiman, Chairman
Molly Smith, Vice Chairman
Jim Moore, Secretary
Robert A. Sullivan, Member
Richard Adams, Member
Sue Moore, Member

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my twentieth annual report as Chief of the Fire Department for the calendar year 2008.

Personnel

The personnel of the Fire Department consists of the permanent Chief, one (1) permanent Deputy Chief, one (1) permanent Captain, two (2) permanent Lieutenants, ten (10) permanent firefighters, fourteen (14) call firefighters, two (2) Call Chaplains, and one (1) call dispatcher. Of the sixteen (16) full time members, including the Chief, five (5) are trained at the EMT-Defibrillator level, four (4) are trained at the EMT-Intermediate level, and seven (7) are trained at the EMT-Paramedic level. In the call department, four (4) members are trained at the EMT-D level, four (4) are trained at the EMT-Paramedic level, including one that is a physician, and six (6) are trained at the first responder level.

On November 1st, 2008, Lieutenant Gerald E. Stetson retired as a member of this department after almost thirty years of service to the Town of West Bridgewater and over thirty years of service in the fire and emergency medical fields. I wish him the best of luck as he enters his retirement years.

Apparatus

Engine #1, a 2004 Emergency One 1500 GPM pumper, Engine #2, a 1986 Emergency One/GMC 1000 GPM pumper, Engine #3, a 1994 KME 1250 GPM rescue/pumper, Ladder #1, a 1999 Emergency One 110' aerial device, Forest Fire #1, a 1985 Chevrolet 4 wheel drive pick up truck (government surplus), Forest Fire #2, a 2006 Ford F350 pick up truck, Forest Fire #3, a 1974 American Motors 6 wheel drive (government surplus) brushbreaker, Ambulance #1, a 1998 Freightliner/Horton, Ambulance #2, a 2004 Ford/Horton, the Chief's vehicle, a 2008 Ford F-350 4 wheel drive pickup truck, and the Paramedic response vehicle, a 1996 Ford Crown Victoria (former police cruiser).

Facility

In February of this year the fire department moved back into our newly renovated fire station. This facility now provides us with the space and equipment necessary to provide the service to the townspeople that they deserve. I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation, and that of my staff, to the people of West Bridgewater for supporting this project.

I would also like to express my gratitude to Mr. Victor Flaherty, former Selectman, and Project Manager during the construction of the station, for overseeing this project, providing us with an outstanding facility, and bringing the whole process to an end ***under*** budget. In this day and age when so many public projects, unfortunately, end up well outside the parameters of the allotted monies, Mr. Flaherty made sure that this was not the case. I want to publicly commend him for those efforts.

Grant funding

In December of this year, through the efforts of Lieutenant Kenneth J. May of this department, we were extremely fortunate to receive a grant through the Department of Homeland Security's

Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Assistance to Firefighters Grant program. This award, in the amount of **$110, 636.00** will allow us to purchase new self contained breathing apparatus for our firefighters. These units were last replaced approximately fifteen (15) years ago by the town and provide vital protection for our members if they are required to enter a hazardous atmosphere. I would like to publicly commend Lieutenant May for his efforts in obtaining the funding for this much needed equipment, saving the town and our taxpayers a considerable amount of money. Along these same lines, I would be remiss if I did not thank Congressman Stephen F. Lynch and his staff for their invaluable assistance in providing support for these efforts at the federal level.

We were also very fortunate to receive two grants from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The first grant, a fire equipment grant in the amount of **$5,296.00,** will be used to help upgrade our motor vehicle extrication equipment and help us to keep pace with the ever changing world of hybrid vehicles. The second grant, a **Student Awareness of Fire Education** (S.A.F.E.) grant in the amount of **$3,664.62,** will be used to fund fire prevention classes in our local schools. I would like to thank Senator Brian Joyce and Representative Christine Canavan for their efforts on our behalf in obtaining these much needed funds.

Rest assured that we have an ongoing program of attempting to qualify for and obtain any grants that are available for emergency services and will continue to do so.

Statistical Report

During 2008, the fire and rescue department responded to a total of three thousand four hundred and ninety nine incidents (3499). Of this figure, two thousand four hundred and sixty three (2463) calls were fire related. The remaining calls, One thousand and thirty six (1036) were for emergency medical services.

For the fifth year in a row, we responded to more fire related calls than emergency medical services calls.

Training

We continue to have an ongoing training program for both our full time professional firefighters as well as our part time call firefighters. These duties are handled by Deputy Chief Allen A. Breer. Generally speaking, the department members train or "drill" during their regular on duty hours with call members participating when they are available. The department also conducts emergency medical training. These emergency medical training sessions, which are also made available to our surrounding communities, are conducted by Dr. Henry Crowley, a member of our department, our Medical Director, and one of our paramedics.

Inspections

All inspections, as required by law, have been accomplished by this office, as well as an on going joint inspection program with the towns Building Inspector and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Office of the State Fire Marshal.

Requests and Recommendations

I am again requesting, and will continue to request, that we add at least one more full time firefighter to our staff. This will bring our total of full time personnel to seventeen, including myself, and will finally move us to my ultimate goal of a minimum of four (4) firefighters on duty at all times. I am very much aware of the present fiscal constraints that we all face. However, as I have said many times before, we have reached point where we just do not have the adequate staffing available to handle the ever increasing demands placed on the department. When a second, third, or sometimes fourth incident occurs, and this scenario is playing out on a more and more frequent basis, we must have the personnel available to respond. We presently rely on the use of overtime hours to accomplish adequate staffing levels. I believe this is an extremely expensive way to provide this coverage.

I am again requesting this year that we replace our 1998 ambulance. We have traditionally replaced these vehicles every 5 yrs. This particular truck is approaching 11 yrs old and has been moved to the 2nd or back-up ambulance position with the idea of lessening its use. On several occasions recently it has been placed out of service for internal electrical issues that are extremely expensive to repair. If we were to order a replacement vehicle immediately after our annual town meeting in June, it would be early to mid 2010 before the truck was delivered, making the present vehicle almost 13 years old.

As I do every year, I would like to take this opportunity to express my thanks the Board of Selectmen and their office for their continued support of this department and its mission of protecting the citizens of the town. Also, a sincere thank you to my administrative assistant, Dawne Holyoke, and my officers and firefighters for their continued dedication to the department and town. As I tell you every year, you have the finest fire and emergency medical services department in the area. I am always proud of their efforts on a daily basis on behalf of the citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater.

Respectfully submitted,

Leonard T. Hunt
Chief

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Town of West Bridgewater
Police Department
West Bridgewater, Massachusetts 02379

To The Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of West Bridgewater, as Chief of Police, I submit my annual report on the West Bridgewater Police Department for the year 2008.

The past year has been a very interesting one for the department. We finally completed the move into the new building in March. We held an open house in June and it was very well attended. The building is everything that we had hoped, and will serve the department and the town for many years. Thanks to everyone that was involved with this project.

Officer John Peterson was appointed as a full time officer in November. Congratulations to him and best wishes for a long and successful career.

Sergeant Gregory Ames and Officer Russell Regan received the MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) award for 2008. Congratulations to both officers for being recognized for their continuing efforts to stop drunk driving. I would also like to thank all of the officers that took part in the drunk driving roadblock that was held in conjunction with the State Police in August. It was a very successful endeavor.

The economic crisis that affects each of us has increased our workload here. The worse the crisis gets, the busier that we will become. Like every town department, budget constraints continue to be a strain on our resources. I would like to thank all of the officers here for their continuing efforts to keep this community and its residents safe. I would like to also thank the other town departments for their continued co-operation.

I herewith submit the annual report for the West Bridgewater Police Department for the year 2008.

Homicides.....0
Larceny.....141
Arrest (total).....318
Criminal Complaint (summons).....303
Protective Custody.....85
Aggravated Assault.....5
Assault (simple).....29
Armed Robbery.....4
Breaks(residential & commercial).....36
Rapes.....1
Attempted Rapes.....0
Indecent Assault & Battery.....0
Operating Under the Influence.....72
Open & Gross Lewdness.....1
Child Abuse.....1
Abuse Prevention Order (209a)served.....77
Domestic Abuse Calls.....37
Arson.....1

MISCELLANEOUS

Police, General Request For.....458
Mutual Aid.....147
Assist EMS.....568
Officers Assaulted.....2
Vehicles Stolen.....6
Vehicles Recovered.....5
Vandalism.....34
Alarms Answered.....583
Offense Reports.....583

Total Calls for Service.....9319

TRAFFIC

Investigated Accidents.....285
Fatal.....0
Non Investigated.....151

CITATIONS

Warnings.....696
Civil Violations.....563

Arrest.....152
Criminal Violations.....126
Total Violations.....1537

MONIES RECEIVED BY THE WEST BRIDGEWATER POLICE FOR 2008

Pistol Permit & FID issued..... $8,537.50
Receipts from copies of police reports.....$2057.95
Parking Fines & Brockton District Court Fines $64,420.20
10% surcharge on detail billing.....$30,280.00
Alarm Billing.....$1575.00

Total.....$105,870.65

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald H. Clark
Chief

Town of West Bridgewater
Office of Water Commissioners
WEST BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS 02379

JOHN W. NOYES
DONALD ASACK
DAVID CHURCHILL

January 01, 2009

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

We the Commissioners,Superintendent, and Assistant Superintendent of the Water Department for the Town of West Bridgewater, respectfully submit our annual report for the year ending December 31, 2008.

During the year a total of 252,242,429 gallons of water were pumped. This is 27,662,483 gallons more than the previous year. The greatest amount pumped for any one day was on June 11, 2008 when 1,643,106 gallons were pumped. The largest month was July with 30,485,207 gallons pumped. The largest week was July 10-16 with 7,660,435 gallons being pumped.

With 252,242,429 gallons of water pumped, plus 1,768,881 gallons purchased from Easton, a total of 254,011,310 gallons of water was used. This makes a daily average use of 689,187 gallons.

Over the past year 10 new services were added. Our number of services now totals 2,679.

Station maintenance was carried out daily, after every severe storm, and after all power failures. A total of 614 hours of overtime were spent on emergency leaks and maintenance.

Once again in the fall of the year the Water Department conducted our flushing program. The flushing program has proven to be very successful, eliminating all dirty water complaints.

The Water Department has found a new meter reading system to replace the telephone system that has been discontinued by the manufacturer.The new system will be a drive by reading system.

In 2008 the water crew completed our gate box rehabilitation program. We have operated every gate valve in town at least once.We will now continue the exercise

program and operate every valve in town at least once every three years.Since the September 11 terrorist attack the quick and efficient operation of these valves has become of critical importance. It plays a major role in our plan to react to terrorism. Isolating problems in the distribution system caused by terrorists is essential to any antiterrorism plan. Having started this project six years ago it has given us an extremely valuable head start in completing an anti terrorism plan that can work successfully.

During 2008 the Water Department continued to upgrade our entire GIS mapping system. New streets and homes have been added, the water billing system has been connected to each house.The water gate maintenance program has been attached to the each gate. The hydrant data has been attached to each hydrant. The assessors information has been attached to each parcel. All the old hand drawn service cards and drawings have been scanned and attached to the corresponding properties. With all this imformation now at our finger tips we have loaded it onto a lap top and it now is in one of our service vans.

In June of 2006 town meeting approved the funds for the Water Department to build a wind driven generator on Cyr Street providing we can secure a state grant to help fund the project. This will allow the Water Department to produce electricity which will run the pumping stations, treatment plants and office. In the fall of 2006 we started the required wind study in order to secure the state funding. The wind project seems to be stalled and going nowhere for West Bridgewater after reveiwing the wind study we have marginal wind and are subsequently low on the funding list. However we have not given up and are now pursuing a solar project which has the potential of saving the residents of West Bridgewater hundreds of thousands of dollars over the next 20 years on their water bills. We are pursuing many funding avenues avalable to use for alterative energy.

In October of 2008 after a five year court battle with the oil industy over the gasoline additive M.T.B.E. the Water Department received a court settlement of $1,533,663 dollars. After legal fees and expenses we received $1,004,895.86 it is our intent with the rate payers support at the 2009 annual town meeting to use this money to build the water storage tank on Walnut Street. We have been trying to build this tank since 1987. The town has companies who want to move onto Manley Street but need the fire protection to do so. The opening of more industrial area will expand the tax base increasing badly needed revenue to general

government. The Water Department has taken pride in long range planning cutting short term budgets and always avoiding crises managing.

As required by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Agency, 142 analyses of our drinking water were performed. All reports were satisfactory, showing it to be of highly acceptable quality and free from bacterial elements. We also ran individual tests on all seven wells to check for cancer causing pollutants in our water.

We would like to thank the employees of the Water Department for making this year a success. We would also like to thank all the other departments that came to our aid when requested. Most importantly, we would like to thank all the towns people who have supported us in reaching our goals.

Respectfully submitted,
John W. Noyes, Chairman
Donald Asack, Clerk
David Churchill, Member
Richard E. Krugger Jr. Superintendent
Phyllis Bickford,Assistant Superintendent

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Christopher D. Iannitelli
Forestry Superintendent
Tree Warden
Mass. Certified Horticulturist

The Forestry Department continues its efforts in areas of tree work, park restoration, ground maintenance, and recreation. Listed below are some of the areas in which the department is currently involved:

16 intersection greens	A 5-acre park
Town Hall and Gazebo grounds	7 cemeteries
Legion Memorial Ball fields	Town Library
Police/Fire Station grounds	Town Skating Rink
Newly acquired Rail Trail	Friendship Park Playground
School Department properties	Council on Aging Center

Town greens and lawns are continually upgraded and monitored for insect and disease problems. During 2008, 104 Town trees were removed or trimmed. Residents are urged to call if they have an obstructed area near their home.

A private crane and/or bucket truck was contracted for large tree maintenance. National Grid helps the Town remove any dead trees near wires. This co-op program has been very successful. Our Town was also recognized again this year as an 15th Year "Tree City USA" recipient. With the support of PTO, an Arbor Day program was conducted at the Howard and Rose L. Macdonald Schools, which included a concert and a tree, donated from our Beautification Fund. Residents can request to have trees planted in the fall.

Department vehicles and equipment include:

1997 Brush bandit chipper	1994 F-350 Ford Dump
1993 Graverly 72" cut tractor	1995 F-800 Ford Dump
1997 Graverly 72" cut tractor	1999 F-150 Ford Pick-Up
2000 Kubota Tractor	2004 F-450 Ford Dump
2007 Kubota 72" cut tractor	

We have five (5) funds under the department which we manage and to which we encourage donations.

Stars and Stripes – includes funds for all the Town flags.
Holiday Decoration Fund –used to supply and upgrade holiday decorations throughout and Town.

Beautification – to supply trees, shrubs, flowers, mulch, etc. for al public areas in Town.
Gazebo Concert Series Fund – to pay for the entertainment for the concert series;
Friendship Park Playground Fund – to maintain equipment for the Town playground.

Our 16th Annual Gazebo Concert Series was held in summer 2008. Four concerts were presented, free to the public, on Monday evenings throughout the summer. Plans are now being made for the 2009 summer program. Our thanks are extended to the area businesses and civic groups that totally sponsored this program.

Our 13th Annual "Culture for Children" summer entertainment program was held at Friendship Park Playground this summer on Tuesday evenings. This program was a great success. Plans are now being made for the 2009 Summer Series. Engraved bricks are still being sold to raise money for the expansion of Friendship Park.

In the fall of 2008, we began repairs to upgrade and replace used playground equipment at Friendship Park. This will continue into 2009.

With the passage of the Community Preservation Act this year, we are now able to start planning repairs to our Town Park and cemeteries.

The near completion of our new tournament size soccer field will enhance our sports program in town.

As budgets become tighter each year, new ways have to be found to fund projects. To allow the Park, trees, or Town properties to decline is not sound for a town that has invested so much in maintaining these things over the years. We always need fresh ideas by employees, townspeople, and volunteers to keep things moving forward in a positive direction.

I extend sincere thanks to all of my co-workers who have helped me over the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher D. Iannitelli
Forestry and Parks Superintendent

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Thomas C. Green
Highway Superintendent

Annual Report from the Highway Superintendent

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of West Bridgewater, I respectfully submit my 2008 annual report for the Highway Department.

Equipment

The following is an inventory of department equipment.

2003 F-750 dump truck	1992 John Deere backhoe
1993 F-800 dump truck	2000 Street sweeper
1998 F-800 dump truck	2003 Crown Vic car
1997 F-350 4X4 dump truck	2004 Volvo Loader L-60E
2001 F-550 4X4 dump truck	2008 Sidewalk plow
2005 F-450 4X4 dump truck	5 road sanding attachments
2004 F-750 4X4 dump truck	

Chapter 90

The asphalt contractor came back to correct deficiencies to Ash Street, Snells Way, and Harvestwood Drive. Again let me remind the residents that we are still short approximately 1.3million.

Manley Street Reconstruction Project

As this project continues all telephones poles and new wires have been installed. The final coat of asphalt has been applied. New regulatory signs have been installed. This project will be completed by June of 09.

Scotland Street Bridge

This 2.1 million project was awarded and construction started this fall. The estimated time for completion is May of 2010.

South Street Bridge

This year we saw the completion of this long awaited project to be finished and it was and came in under the estimated budget cost of 1.2 million. Four new street lights were installed to keep with the country charm of the area.

Winter Conditions

The snowstorms were few but the icing conditions kept the department busy. Sanders and plows were deployed on 24 separate occasions to maintain safe driving conditions in the Town. Five of our trucks have been outfitted to use Ice-Ban as a de-icer, which has proven to be very effective combating the icing conditions. We had four plowable snowstorms.

School Projects

At the Howard School worked with Art Cabral of Comprehensive Water Resource Management Plan group on the new soccer and septic fields. The Comprehensive Water Resource Management Plan group did soil samples for the next phase of the new septic system at the RLM School.

Transfer Station

The cost for trash hauling increased to $50 per ton and recycling costs vary between $15-$25 per ton. Last year the Town generated 2692 tons of trash, with recyclable products accounting for 390 tons. This recycling is mandated by the State and any violations result in substantial fines to the Town.

Please RECYCLE it's the law and it saves the town money.

Street Sweeper

The sweeper was out everyday weather permitting. All streets were swept including all the Schools, Police Fire, COA, and all municipal buildings.

Roadside Mowing

Roadside mowing is done consistently as needed. We hired a local contractor with a flail mower to cut back Roadsides on Walnut Street, Lincoln Street, West Street, and South Elm Street.

Drainage Projects

We have been aggressively cleaning head walls and drainage ditches. Listed below are locations that were cleaned.

Beacon Street	Harvestwood Drive	South Elm Street
Elm Square	North Elm Street	Walnut Street
East Street	Pleasant Street	West Center Street
Francis Avenue	Scotland Street	Route 106

Skating Rink

A new drainage gate system was installed to regulate the pond. The gate system replaced an old cranberry bog flume that was not working properly. A gate valve was donated by the Water Department.

Food Drive

The Highway Dept. collected 3700 pounds of food and $2,200 dollars/gift certificates for the West Bridgewater Food Pantry this year and would like to thank all those who donated and helped in this much needed cause.

Volunteers

Through some time and effort and a whole lot of pride we are very fortunate to have people who do a little extra for the benefit of others. Some of the extras include the September 11 display at the Police and Fire Department each year. The flags proudly hung around our town on Flag, Memorial, Veteran's days and the 4th of July. Let's not forget this year we were awarded the Veteran's Day Parade Trophy for the best theme.

I offer my sincere appreciation to my staff for their dedication and efforts. In addition to day-to-day responsibilities, each contributes to the quality of this department Charlie Bunker skillfully operates the heavy equipment. Kenny Berry drives tirelessly in the street sweeper, insuring safe and clean roads. Foreman Bill Kovatis and Shawn Anderson work steadily to keep the department vehicles and equipment in repair and operational. Mike Hutchinson keeps all roadside mowing under control on a regular basis. Thanks also to Sue Kent who keeps our paperwork and reports in order. I also extend my thanks to the Selectmen, and all Departments Heads throughout the town, for their daily support.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas Green
Highway Superintendent

Board of Health
Town Report for 2008

The purpose of public health systems is to preserve and protect the health of entire populations and promote health status improvements for all.

The West Bridgewater Board of Health consists of an office Secretary, Health Agent, and 3 elected members.

We are the licensing authority for restaurants, supermarkets, convenience stores, tattoo parlors, tanning, mobile home parks, septic installers, trash haulers and septic haulers.

The Health Agent performed 164 routine food service inspections at restaurants, schools, mobile food servers, day care centers and retail stores. Routine food inspections of all businesses selling food of any type are inspected at a minimum of twice a year. These inspections are not only for cleanliness but for the storage and disposal of food, temperatures, and handling practices. New establishments and ownership changes are inspected prior to the license being issued. In addition to routine inspections complaints are investigated and rectified.

The Health agent reviews all Title V inspection reports submitted to the office, he witnesses all percolation test performed for new septic installations and repairs. There were 41 septic repairs and/or new construction permitted and each system has a minimum of 2 site inspections during construction. The agent also responds to any complaints of outbreak and odor. Pumping records are on file and reviewed to avoid any health hazards. The Health Department continues to offer the Loan Betterment Program. This program funds low interest loans thru the State of Ma. To residents, for the purpose of upgrading failed septic systems, this program is not intended for preparing a home to be sold or for businesses.

With the cooperation of the Fire Department the Board continues the Sharps Program. It is illegal and fines can be imposed if sharps or lancets are disposed of in the trash. This program ensures the residents of a proper place for disposal.

The Health Department in conjunction with the Emergency Preparedness Coalition is responsible for preparing and overseeing plans to handle terrorist situations as well as epidemic and pandemic illnesses. Town residents interested in volunteering on this task force should contact the Board of health @ 508-894-1209.

The Health Dept. funds a contract with Partners Health Care Inc. Partners deliver's a number of health services to the residence of our town. They offer the blood pressure clinic the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Town Hall and on the 2nd Wed of each month at the Council on Aging. A flu clinic is sponsored once a year. Partner's follows up on communicable diseases reported in town with home visits and assists residents in

managing health situations. We thank our nurse, Doreen Zeller for her continued commitment to our residents.

Our Department continues to sponsor the dog and cat rabies vaccination clinics held each April. We thank Dr. Neil Andleman of Westbridge Veterinary Hospital for his donation of the vaccine and his assistance. Monies collected are donated to a program of Dr. Andleman's Choice. This program has been a great success due to his attentive efforts.

During the year the threat of EEE and West Nile has diminished but is still monitored closely. Lyme's disease has been on the rise and we urge all residents to continue to take all precautions during the mosquito and tick seasons. MRSA (Methicillin-resistant staphylococcus aures) came into the news and was addressed with the school nurse, athletic dept. and local gyms. The proposed Brockton Power Plant continues to be a concern and informative meetings continue to be attended by Board of Health members.

We would like to thank Town Departments, Boards and the Department of Environmental Protection for their cooperation and assistance. We thank the residents for giving us the opportunity to serve on the Board of Health and would encourage anyone with a concern to call our office.

Respectfully submitted,

John F. Cruz, Chairman
Linda J. Simpson, Clerk
Richard P. Harris, Member

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REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of West Bridgewater:

I submit the following 2008 Annual Report for the Building Department, which reflects growth and the continued enforcement of our By-laws in the interest of public safety throughout the Town.

RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION		CONSTRUCTION VALUE	
4	Dwellings	$	628,200.00
0	Mfg. Homes		
19	Additions, Alterations	$	1,842,095.00
112	Incidental Construction	$	986,053.98
14	Swimming Pools	$	156,400.00
39	Mechanical	$	284,217.00
32	Zoning	$	1,660.00
		$	3,898,625.98

COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION			
5	New Buildings	$	2,632,800.00
8	Additions, Alterations	$	199,280.00
30	Incidental Construction	$	1,144,128.00
32	Signs	$	65,938.50
3	Demolitions	$	-
		$	4,042,146.50

CONSTRUCTION VALUE TOTAL	$	7,940,772.48

Total Fees collected and deposited to the general fund	$	57,941.70
Fees collected on Plumbing/Gas Permits	$	15,595.00
Fees collected on Electrical Permits	$	12,621.00
Total Fees	$	86,157.70

In closing, I want to sincerely thank my secretary & office coordinator, Karen Lavin, Inspector of Wiring, Kevin Greiner and Inspector of Plumbing & Gas, Joseph Donovan, Jr., for their continued effort and dedication.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul F. Stringham
Inspector of Buildings
Zoning Enforcement Officer

COUNCIL ON AGING

Town of West Bridgewater

To the Honorable Board of Selectman & Residents of the Town of West Bridgewater:
As Director of Elder Services, I submit this Annual Report of the Council on Aging for the year ending December 31, 2008.

Phone Calls for Information and Referrals	4,352	
Senior Tax Workoff Program	23	
Congregate Meals Served (duplicated)	5,008	
(Senior & non-Senior Listed Below)		
Fuel Assist. Applicants	69	
Food Stamp Applicants	47	
Mass. Health Applicants	14	
Medicare Applicants	19	
Dial A Bat Trips (duplicated)	819	
COA Shuttle Client Trips (duplicated)	3,819	
Home Delivered Meals on Wheels (dup.)	5,342	
Recreational Trips	DAY	OVERNIGHT
	19	5
Supportive Care Clients	27	
Line Dancing Program participants (duplicated)	751	
Bridge Club (duplicated)	1,541	
Outreach Contacts	894	
Flu Clinic Participation	140	
Blood Pressure Test participants (duplicated)	67	
S.erving H.ealth I.nformation		
N.eeds of E.lders	66	
Tai Chi participants (duplicated)	367	
Education & Senior Outreach Programs	6	
Outreach Client Referrals	47	
Mah Jong participants	22	
Knitting & Craft Club participants	16	
Bingo participants (duplicated)	2,883	
Special events	9	
Swedish Weaving	25	
Strength & Fitness Class participants	19	
Senior Expo	68	

Thank you,

Mary Harrington Graf
Director of Elder Services

TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS' SERVICES

Department of Veterans' Services Office

The Veterans' Office has seen many changes over the past few years. Many Veterans and spouses continue to come in and apply for benefits. Some have received assistance on a temporary basis due to illness or injury. Others qualified for assistance on a monthly basis, and others did not meet the state regulations to qualify for benefits.

The office is ready to handle any requests of veterans due to the ongoing war and the current economy. So far, we haven't had any applications due to either factor.

There are many bills before the legislature that could have a great impact on the way that the requests of Veterans' are handled. Some are insignificant and will not affect the office at all. We keep track of these bills and will be ready to implement any changes as necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

Armen Amerigian
Veterans' Service Officer

Network Administration

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508-894-1201
esarro@wbridgewater.com

Ed Sarro
Network Administrator

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of West Bridgewater:

The Office of the Network Administration serves to oversee all aspects of the town's computer network. The town and school department share the same network; however, each has their own identity thus preventing the crossover of information between the two. The current financial crisis has hampered any further expansion of the computer network. Fortunately, as a result of the capital project from the previous year, most of the network infrastructure and computers have been replaced on both the town and school sides of the network.

Our network is monitored twenty-four hours a day by Hub Technical Service located in Easton, MA. This monitoring system will enable engineers at Hub to deal with any network failures as they might occur, thus minimizing any network interruptions.

In the Fall, the redesign of the town's web page was put on line. The new design is more user friendly than the previous one. The web hosted GIS is available for all town departments. The layers are continually updated as information changes.

Respectfully submitted

Ed Sarro
Network Administrator

Report of the Animal Inspector

2008

Inspectors of Animals, Lans & Lee Anderson perform yearly inspections of farms. The Bureau of Animal Health appoints municipal animal inspectors for each and every city and town in the Commonwealth. The primary duty of the Animal Inspector has recently become rabies control in the domestic animal population. Municipal Animal Inspectors are also responsible for barn inspections and may be called to assist with domestic animal disease quarantines in the event of an outbreak.

The Inspector of Animals is responsible for quarantine of Animals that may be suspect of rabies. Rabies is a viral disease that can affect all mammals, including humans. The virus attacks the central nervous system and can be secreted in saliva. Because rabies affects people as well as animals, control of this disease has become a top priority for the Bureau of Animal Health. With the cooperation of the Department of Public Health and the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, every angle of potential rabies exposures gets covered in order to prevent further rabies infections.

We want to remind all our residents not to approach any animals. It is important to remind our children of the dangers of approaching not only wild animals but those domestic animals they are not familiar with, and to keep a close eye on your domestic pets when out doors. If you suspect a rabid animal, please call the Health Department or the Police Dept.

The Inspectors of Animals report for this year 2008 the following amount of animals in West Bridgewater.

Beef -20
Horses/Ponies – 129
Steer/Oxon – 2
Sheep/Goats – 32
Chicken- 440
Cattle – 275
Swine – 54
Water foul – 111
Rabbits – 4
Llamas – 4
Turkey – 1000
Donkey/Mule - 2

West Bridgewater Conservation Commission

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of the town of West Bridgewater, the Conservation Commission respectfully submits its annual report for 2008.

The Conservation Commission would like to thank past member Dick Weatherby for sharing his time and knowledge while on the Commission, and to welcome new alternate member Donna Lawson and Agent John DeLano to the group.

The volunteer Conservation Commission consists of five voting members and two alternate members appointed by the Selectmen. Their primary function is to act in the Selectmen's stead to uphold and protect the interests and values of the Wetland Protection Act, the Rivers Protection Act, and the town's Wetland Protection By-laws.

The Commission met in the Town Hall on the first and third Tuesday evenings of each month with the exception of January and July, holding 23 open public meeting nights and two executive sessions in 2008. There were 42 advertised and continued Public Hearings during the year, as well as seven Enforcement Orders and 32 open meeting discussions on various issues before the Board. The Commission also conducted site walks in connection with these matters.

Commission members and staff continued professional training at workshops and seminars throughout the year, including those offered by Massachusetts Association of Conservation Commissioners and specialized sessions from the Department of Environmental Protection.

The Commission was fortunate this past year to be able to continue a partnership with Bridgewater State College with two intern projects. Jennifer DiBari developed a Vernal Pool teaching unit for the students at Rose L. MacDonald School, and Nichol Mauro did research and field work to flag out a universally accessible walking trail through the *Beaverton Woods Conservation Property*. Commissioner Bethoney served as a mentor on both of these projects. The Commission also recognizes input from Don Hoffses, of the Appalachian Mountain Club, who walked the proposed trail with them.

Again in 2008, the Conservation Commission participated in an Earth Day Project in partnership with Bridgewater State College and with the town's Forestry & Parks Department. The new Rail Trail and the Holmes's Hill Conservation Property were cleaned of accumulated trash.

In 2008, the Commission archived their earliest records, protecting the first 22 years of hand - written minutes on acid – free paper in two bound volumes; these will be stored in the Town Hall vault.

Under the direction of Commissioner Thomas Tyrrell, volunteers continue to maintain the garden on the Stone Canoe Island in the Town River by War Memorial Park. It was a lot of work, but results look great. The Commission appreciates the generous support townspeople have given this beatification project.

The Board again expresses appreciation to volunteer Dorna Bevis who, under the Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-off Abatement Program, organizes the many files.

In fall of 2008, the Board of Selectmen created the *Department of Conservation, Preservation and Recreation Committee*, and placed four autonomous committees – the Conservation Commission, the Community Preservation Committee, Open Space Committee, and the Town River Fishery Committee - under one umbrella of like-minded activity in order for volunteers to team up, share resources, and work in harmony with the Open Space & Recreation Plan. The collaboration will hold quarterly meetings. It is intended that the Conservation Commission office will become more of a joint resource center.

The Conservation Commission office remains open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and the Board continues in their goal to be people-friendly, always looking for ways to help the general public understand the importance of balancing wetland protection and conservation with sound economic growth.

In addition to meeting the demand of wetland permitting and to responsibly manage the conservation properties, goals for the coming year include continuing to work with the BSC Internship Program, and continuing to develop environmental educational programs for the school children in town, a Vernal Pool Event and a Family Fishing Day are planned for spring 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Hay, Chair
Lee Anderson, Vice Chair
Paula Bethoney, Clerk

Members:
Tom Tyrrell
Kevin Parker

Alternate Members
Jack Connolly
Donna Lawson

Kitty Doherty, Secretary
John DeLano, Agent

Report for the Community Preservation Committee

On Saturday, April 12, 2008, residents of West Bridgewater voted to adopt a 1% surcharge on property tax to fund the Community Preservation Act. The revenues from this surcharge will be used for open space preservation, creation of community housing, preservation of historic buildings and landscapes and creation of recreation opportunities.

Consistent with the requirements of the CPA and the CPA bylaws, the Community Preservation Committee was formed. Members of the CPC include representatives from the Historical Commission, Conservation Commission, Forestry and Parks, the Housing Authority, Planning Board, Open Space and Recreation and three at-large members appointed by the Selectmen. Currently, CPC members are working on preparing the first draft of a Community Preservation Plan and are awaiting the start up of the website so that applications and guidelines for projects can be available to the public for future projects.

The goal of the CPC is to become an integral part of the workings of the town of West Bridgewater as it pertains to preservation projects in the areas of open space, creation of recreational spaces, community housing and historic preservation.

The CPC will strive to be a catalyst for future projects via funding, utilize community goals previously set forth in other public documents such as the Master Plan and Updated Open Space Plan which have received wide scrutiny and public input, will attempt to meet multiple community preservation goals in each project and communicate its mission and goals to the general public.

West Bridgewater Historical Commission
Calendar Year 2008 annual report for the Town Report

2008 began with the Board of Selectmen merging the Heritage Capsule Committee and the Drury Bell Committee duties with the Historical Commission. The Selectman also were instrumental with filling member vacancies bringing the five member committee into compliance.

The reorganized 2008 Historical Commission : Robert Bevis, Chairperson; Anne Marie Sheedy, Member; Joan McAndrew, Treasurer; James Benson, CPA Representative; and Thomas McAndrew, Project Coordinator. The membership update was forwarded to the Massachusetts Historical Commission to assure ongoing exchange of information and preservation issues.

The Historical Commission now has work and storage space in the Town Hall with computer and printing capabilities to assist with our historic property inventory and preservation research.

2008 also saw the Town approval of the Community Preservation Act and the War Memorial Park acceptance on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Historic Commission also is involved with potential historic and archaeological preservation issues such as The Village at West Bridgewater, telecommunication antennae installations and South Coast Rail project.

2009 appears to be a busy Historical Commission year involving ongoing projects and investigating new projects such as establishing oral/video interviews of our town senior citizens and arranging for intern assistance in updating historic inventories.

As always, we communicate with our local surrounding town commissions, societies and education facilities and attend appropriate workshops and meetings to keep our Commission informed and effective.

Respectfully Submitted.
Robert Bevis, Chairperson

Town of West Bridgewater

Board of Assessors

65 North Main Street • West Bridgewater, Massachusetts 02379
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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Residents of West Bridgewater, the Board of Assessors submits their Annual report.

We have seen property values dropping in 2008, which will be reflected in the 2010 interim revaluation.

We have completed our three year town wide revaluation as mandated by the State. We have worked with the Board of Selectmen to maintain a steady tax rate.

The Assessors have a booklet available showing what your Assessors can and can not do with respect to the taxes you pay. The Massachusetts Department of Revenue (DOR) tightly controls your Board of Assessors; nothing is done without following their rules and guidelines.

The Assessors office is run by the Board of Assessors, with Stephen Dunn as Principal Assessor, Head Clerk, Donna Cotter and Senior Clerk, Jean Upton, making up the clerical staff. All members and staff are certified by the Department of Revenue.

The Board of Assessors funded the Senior Work Program from the overlay account for the third consecutive year.

The Board of Assessors would like to thank the residents and taxpayers of West Bridgewater and all the Town Boards and Departments for their cooperation in helping us reach our goals and objectives.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen W. McCarthy, Chairman
Robert W. Lundin, Clerk
Cheryl A. Smith, Member

Planning Board

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To residents of West Bridgewater, we the members of the West Bridgewater Planning Board submit this Annual report of activities for the year 2008.

Twenty-three (23) meetings were held on the first and third Wednesday of each month throughout the year. There was one (1) Special meeting held. There were nine (9) Form A plans approved. The Planning Board has approved and is presently monitoring ten (10) subdivisions which are under various stages of completion. They are also monitoring ten (10) commercial projects. The Board has held discussions on other possible residential and commercial projects. Ten (10) site plans with special permits were approved and/or granted. Two (2) site plans were reviewed and forwarded to the Zoning Board of Appeals for their action.

The Planning Board held four (4) public hearings for zoning changes and forwarded their recommendations to Town Meeting.

The Board met with the Building Inspector bi-monthly to discuss Planning Board/Building Department related issues.

The Board continues to work to develop the Town's tax base through the proper use of property and the development of those properties.

The Planning Board would like to thank the Town Boards and departments for their help and cooperation throughout the year. In closing we would like to thank the residents of West Bridgewater for their interest in our town by attending our meetings. We invite participation at all meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Hugh R. Hurley, Chairman
Howard A. Anderson, Vice Chairman
Gerald E. Stetson, Clerk
Grete M. Bohannon, Member
Anthony J. Kinahan, Member

Town of West Bridgewater

Office of Board of Appeals
West Bridgewater, MA 02379

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the residents of West Bridgewater,

The Zoning Board of Appeals is governed by Chapter 40A, as amended, and the Town of West Bridgewater Zoning By-Laws. Public hearings were held in the Town Hall Conference Room and were scheduled as hearing applications were received. Applications for appeals are available from the Town Clerk's office.

During 2008, the Board of Appeals held seventeen (17) Public Hearings. Results of these hearings are as follows:

Special Permits granted	11
Special Permits amended	1
Variances granted	4

The Board of Appeals also held a hearing in which the decision of the Building Inspector was upheld.

The Board of Appeals would like to thank Town Counsel David Gay, all town officials, as well as all town departments for their cooperation and continued assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

William Lucini, Chairman
James Henderson, Vice Chairman
Lars (Gary) Eliasson
Armen Amerigian
Carolyn Ameno
Thomas Snell
Fred Hartblay

Southeastern Regional Services Group
2008 Annual Report

The Southeastern Regional Services Group (SERSG) was initiated in 1993 with a mission "to serve as a catalyst and implementer for member communities that desire to act jointly to solve governmental problems or to deliver services to their citizens more effectively or efficiently."

The eighteen member communities of SERSG benefit from shared administrative services provided by a regional administrator. Lara Thomas has served as regional administrator of SERSG since 2004. SERSG's work is supported by dues from the member communities, and dues have remained at the same level since 2003.

Annual procurements designed to save municipalities time and money are a major part of SERSG's services. Cooperative procurements for Paper and DPW Supplies and Water and Sewer Treatment Chemicals were held in the spring of 2008 and for DPW Services and Drug & Alcohol Testing Services in the fall of 2008.

West Bridgewater was able to realize savings of almost $100,000 off list prices for office supplies for Fiscal Year 2008 through the SERSG Office Supplies and Paper Contracts with W.B. Mason.

Thousands of dollars in additional savings per year result from the SERSG DPW procurements. The SERSG price for in-place bituminous concrete (paving services) in 2008 was $54.70 while the State contract price was $50-52 per ton for just the asphalt. For sand, West Bridgewater pays $12.94 per ton while the state contract price is between $14.91 and $21.78 per ton.

During 2008, Ms. Thomas disseminated a first draft of a new trench safety bylaw and also coordinated a meeting of SERSG member municipalities with the Mass. Department of Public Safety to discuss the new regulations on trench safety. The opportunity for municipalities to join the Group Insurance Commission was also presented by SERSG, led by the Project Director of the Metro Mayor's Coalition. The Chief of the Bureau of Municipal Finance Law from the Commonwealth's Division of Local Services was invited to a SERSG-sponsored workshop in April on setting municipal fees. Opportunities for SERSG members to meet with representatives of regional planning councils were also provided during the year.

Construction on the Aquaria Pipeline Project and the projects Aquaria Water agreed to construct as mitigation was nearing completion at the end of 2008, and Ms. Thomas continued to play an active role in overseeing the work of the Community Relations Consultant and the Construction Supervisor hired by the Pipeline Committee.

Finally, monthly meetings of the Board of Directors and the Highway Superintendents continued to provide valuable opportunities for representatives from member communities to share concerns and receive ideas and feedback about a wide variety of issues affecting municipalities.

January 1, 2009

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of West Bridgewater:

I herewith submit my Annual Report for the year ending December 31, 2008.

During the calendar year 2008, a total of two hundred twenty-seven (227) measuring devices were sealed, twenty (20) devices were adjusted, three (3) devices were marked Not Sealed (as such they cannot be used legally in trade). There were five (5) devices condemned for failure to meet prescribed standards. Two (2) scanning systems consisting of thirty-two (32) scanners were tested. In addition, two (2) customer complaints were investigated and addressed.

The following is a summary of measuring devices inspected and tested:

Scales and Balances	
Over 10,000 pounds	None
5,000 to 10,000 pounds	3 Sealed
100 to 5,000 pounds	12 Sealed
	1 Adjusted
	1 Condemned
Under 100 pounds	41 Sealed
	1 Adjusted
	2 Not Sealed
	1 Condemned
Weights	
Avoirdupois	3 Sealed
Metric	None
Apothecary	None
Liquid Measuring Meters	
Gasoline	112 Sealed
	16 Adjusted
	1 Condemned
Diesel Fuel	10 Sealed
	2 Adjusted
	1 Not Sealed
Kerosene	1 Sealed
	1 Condemned
Spring Water	8 Sealed
Fabric Measuring Devices	
	31 Sealed
	1 Condemned
Redemption Machines	4 Sealed

Scanner Systems	2 Tested

The following fees were assessed for the above inspections:

Sealing Fees	$4,741.00
Adjusting Fees	180.00
Total Fees	$4,921.00

All fees were collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer prior to the end of the calendar year.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Board of Selectmen and to the personnel in the various Town Offices for their continued cooperation in assisting me in carrying out my assigned duties.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert A. Wolfer
Sealer of Weights and Measures

Town of West Bridgewater

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Residents of West Bridgewater, the Comprehensive Water Resource Management Plan Committee hereby submits their annual report.

The CWRMP Committee in the year of 2008 successfully coordinated through SEA Consultants the completion of the Town Project known as the Howard Wastewater System and all its affiliated pieces at this time. The system now accepts wastewater from the Spring Street School, WB Middle/Senior High School, Howard School, West Bridgewater Public Library, West Bridgewater Senior Center and the West Bridgewater Police and Fire Departments and has been in use since April. This system will eliminate one of the two Town discharge permits, known as a NEPES Permit, which will bring the Town into compliance with State regulations.

The second part of this permit, which entails bringing the Rose L. MacDonald School into compliance with a Title 5 System, is being addressed by this committee in 2009.

The Soccer Field Project, which was a part of the Howard System, has reached 80% completion with some drainage and field issues to be resolved in the Spring of 2009. We hope to have the field ready to use for the Fall season.

Sincerely,

James Holden, Chairman
Jack Hughes
John Cruz
Victoria Benea
Art Cabral
Christopher Iannitelli, Affiliated Member

ADA Compliance Committee review for 2008

The Board Members of the ADA compliance committee have worked diligently this past year to comply with the regulations set forth by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts regarding folks with disabilities in the Town of West Bridgewater. Meetings are held at the Town Hall small conference room starting at 7 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of the month excluding July, August and December.

The Board members:

Name	**Title**	**Term**
Diane Perry	Chairperson	2011
Mary Petrie	Secretary	2011
Marilyn Raleigh	Treasurer	2011
Denise Lewis	Member	2011
Gloria Hopkins	Member	2011

Paul Stringham, Building Inspector ex Officio
Contact: Elizabeth D. Faricy, Administrator, Town of West Bridgewater
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Tel: 508-894-1267

The mission of this board is to be an advocate for the rights and general welfare of disabled individuals to bring accessibility to both town-owned and private facilities.

Since 2007, the committee has worked with town departments by increasing access to the Town Library, Friendship Park and school buildings by improving parking spaces and signage placement, In the fall of 2008 members completed a survey for Old colony Planning Council by evaluating for accessibility some 20+ public, recreation and conservations sites. Recently a complaint to the committee about lack of access to West Bridgewater Middle/High School during an event held by a private group was quickly resolved following a meeting with school staff. The school committee chairperson made a timely notification to the private group advising them of the need to comply with ADA regulations.

Respectfully submitted,
Diane L. Perry, Chairperson

Brockton Area ARC 2008 Accomplishments

To achieve two strategic goals, the Brockton Area Arc purchased the building at 1250 West Chestnut Street, Brockton (where we have leased the space since 1991) in March 2008. In July 2008, the renovation of 5,000 square feet was initiated. When completed, these renovations will allow us to offer a new program model: **Day Habilitation Services**.

To fulfill and foster our mission, the Brocton Area Arc is involved in **ADVOCACY** for the rights, general welfare, and appropriate services for the developmentally disabled population of Brockton and Massachusetts. Our services empower and support individuals to realize their personal goals, and foster independence, respect and dignity. The Brockton Area Arc services Brockton and ten surrounding towns of Abington, Avon, Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, Easton, Holbrook, Rockland, Stoughton, West Bridgewater and Whitman.

The Brockton Are Arc provided Employment Support Services to 101 adults with disabilities in 2008. Program participants are offered facility bases employment, group supported employment, and individual supported employment according to their needs and wishes.

The Brockton Area Arc's Family to Family to Support Center provides information, education, and referral services that assist parents to successfully manage the challenges of raising a child with disabilities. More than 500 families are on this list at present.

Board Member representing West Bridgewater
Diane L. Perry

REPORT OF THE OLD COLONY PLANNING COUNCIL

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of the Town of West Bridgewater.

As your representatives to the Old Colony Planning Council (OCPC), we are pleased to present this report on behalf of the Council for 2008.

The Old Colony Planning Council was established in 1967 by state statute and is authorized to prepare plans for the physical, social and economic development of the fifteen-member community region. OCPC is designated as: an Economic Development District by the U.S. Department of Commerce for the coordination of regional economic development activities; an Area Agency on Aging (AAA) by the Executive Office of Elder Affairs to plan, manage and coordinate elder services in a twenty-three community service area; and, the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) to plan and program transportation and transit improvements for the region.

In addition to the above-designated responsibilities, the Council is also involved in a wide variety of area-wide and inter-municipal events as they pertain to the development of the Planning District. The Council also assists its member municipalities with technical planning, grant application preparation and current local and regional trends socioeconomic information.

During the past year, the Council completed work on the Bridgewater, Easton, Plympton and West Bridgewater Open Space and Recreation Plans; the Council also completed work on the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) 2008 Elderly Needs Plan Update; the Old Colony 2008 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS); the FFY 2008-2011 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); the Plympton GIS parcel mapping; the Route 27 Corridor Study in Stoughton, Brockton and Whitman; Safety Audits for Route 24, Thatcher Street in Brockton/East Bridgewater and Landing Road in Kingston; The Bourne Road Corridor Study in Plymouth; the OCPC 2008 DataBook; The Annual Regional Traffic Volume Report; the BAT - FY 2008 Ridership Analysis, Old Colony Human Service Coordination Plan Update, System Time Study and Route 2A Study; and numerous Intersection/Technical Studies. This past year, the Council also provided technical assistance to member communities on expedited permitting; conducted traffic counts at approximately 225 locations throughout the region; and continued participation in the New Bedford/Fall River Commuter Rail Taskforce. OCPC is also working with the Massachusetts Department of Environment Protection (DEP), the towns of Abington, Avon, Bridgewater, East Bridgewater, Easton, West Bridgewater Whitman and the City of Brockton on the Upper Taunton Basin Regional Wastewater Evaluation Study which the Council initiated. OCPC also administered the Septic Loan Program for the towns of Hanson, Pembroke and Kingston. The Area Agency on Aging provided approximately 121,000 vehicle miles of volunteer Transportation; 2,000 hours of legal services; and approximately 520,000 meals to the seniors. The OCPC Ombudsman Staff and Volunteers made 1,576 visits to nursing homes, provided 292 consultations to individuals and 128 to nursing homes.

Each member community of the Council is represented by one delegate and one alternate member. The Council members establish policy, develop the work program, and employ and oversee the activities of the professional staff. The Council meets on the last Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM in the OCPC offices located at 70 School Street, Brockton, MA. In 2008, the Council elected Jeanmarie Kent Joyce of Easton as Council President; Robert G. Moran, Jr., of Brockton as Council Treasurer; and, Lee Hartmann of Plymouth as Council Secretary. Pasquale Ciaramella serves as Executive Director of the Council.

The Council gratefully acknowledges the generous support and cooperation of its member communities and the participation and involvement of the many individuals who participate as members of committees. Special thanks are extended to Joint Transportation Committee Chair Noreen O'Toole; Comprehensive Economic Development Committee Chair Mary Waldron; and, the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Committee Chair James Taylor for their dedication, commitment and leadership during the year. The Council also recognizes the work of local boards and commissions and the government agencies, public and private institutions and individuals who assisted the Council in its efforts.

Respectfully submitted,
Eldon F. Moreira, Delegate
Matthew Striggles, Delegate At-Large

PLYMOUTH COUNTY COOPERATIVE EXTENSION
ANNUAL REPORT
July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008

The role of Plymouth County Cooperative Extension is to deliver research-based information to Plymouth County residents through non-formal methods. The Plymouth County Extension staff work on behalf of Plymouth County residents, in concert with UMass Amherst faculty and Extension staff, and the United States Department of Agriculture, to provide valuable information in the program areas of 'Agriculture and Landscape' and '4-H Youth and Family Development'. The Extension System is supported by County, Federal and State funds, and operates under Federal and State laws and agreements. Local citizens, appointed by the Plymouth County Commissioners, serve as Plymouth County Cooperative Extension Trustees, directing the overall program. Volunteer advisory groups work with Extension staff on developing programs.

Cooperative Extension resources and programs for Plymouth County residents include: annual sustainable gardening lectures, annual fruit pruning demonstration; ornamental tree pruning lecture, research, information and educational programs on pests like the winter moth caterpillar; pesticide applicator training & licensing exams; the annual UMass Extension Garden Calendar; landscape and horticultural training and resources for municipal employees and green industry professionals; 4-H Science and Technology workshops in the areas of embryology and plant science; accredited overnight 4-H summer camps; 4-H animal science summer day-workshops; 4-H Life Skills Training, 4-H Community Service Projects, 4-H Public Speaking Training, 4-H Babysitting Program and 4-H partnerships with local farms and agricultural enterprises. New research findings are translated into practical applications and shared with residents and communities through workshops, conferences, office visits, phone calls, field demonstrations, radio, television, local libraries, technical assistance, and newspaper articles. Publications such as newsletters, booklets, and fact sheets bring information directly to those who need it. Additional information is delivered through UMass-Amherst Extension web access www.umassextension.org .

Members of the Plymouth County Extension Staff:

Deborah C. Swanson, Landscape, Nursery, and Urban Forestry Program/Manager
Samuel Fox, 4-H Youth and Family Development Program
Molly Vollmer, 4-H Youth and Family Development Program
Debra L. Corrow, Executive Assistant
Ruth Ahola, Administrative Secretary

Board of Trustees:

Wayne Smith, Chairman - Abington
John J. Burnett, Jr. – Whitman
John Dorgan - Brockton
Jere Downing - Marion
Elizabeth A. Francis - Plymouth
Chris Iannitelli– W. Bridgewater
Joseph A. Freitas – Plympton
Janice Strojny - Middleboro
Jeffrey M. Welch, Plymouth County Commissioner, Chairman, - Abington

The Plymouth County Extension office is located at 266 High St., P.O. Box 658, Hanson MA 02341 (781-293-3541; 781-447-5946) plyctyext@mindspring.com.

REPORT OF THE PARTNERS HOME CARE, INC.

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens of West Bridgewater:

On behalf of Partners Home Care, Inc. we are pleased to submit our annual report for 2008.

Partners Home Care, a non-profit Medicare certified agency, serves West Bridgewater residents, offering skilled nursing, physical, occupational, and speech therapy services, medical social work, nutrition counseling, and home health aide assistance. Partners Home Care, Inc. meets the highest standards of excellence fulfilling the mission of providing quality home health care to those in need.

Besides assisting our patients with a variety of home health services, Partners Home Care, Inc. offers many community programs including wellness programs, health promotion screenings, caregiver support groups and health education seminars.

Highlights of public health activities for 2008 include: increased communicable disease surveillance, successful flu/pneumonia immunizations; TB tests and readings, blood pressure clinics, glucose screenings, weekly office hours and monthly health clinics whereby residents may obtain health screening and counseling. PHC also serves as a depot for state distributed vaccine. Community health programs were presented this year including provision of a babysitting training course. The PHC public health nurse represents the West Bridgewater Board of Health at Mass DPH Immunization Update, MA DPH TB Update, MA DPH Infectious Disease Update, Surveillance, Reporting Control, MRSA Video Conference, and maintains current CDC Emergency Preparedness / Bio-terrorism information as a resource to the community. Confidential communicable disease surveillance as mandated by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health is conducted on a regular basis.

Ongoing communication regarding public health activities and initiatives continues with the Board of Health, the public schools and town agencies and departments. The following is a summary of the activities:

Clinics	33	BP Screenings	205
Communicable Disease Surveillance	48	Blood Sugar Screening	19
Flu Immunizations	242	TB testing/reading	

In addition, visits were made to West Bridgewater residents by PHC staff through Medicare, Medicaid, third party insurers, or free to those in need who meet the financial criteria. The array of regular, specialty and supportive services include:

Skilled Nursing	Physical Therapy	Occupational Therapy
Speech Language Therapy	Home Health Aide Services	Medical Social Worker
Education & Support Groups	Private Health Care Services	Case Management
Cardiac Care	Alzheimer's Disease Care	Rehabilitation Nursing
Parkinson's Program	Complex Wound Care	Diabetes Education
Oncology Care	Mental Health	
Homemaker/Companion		
Maternal Child Health		Telehealth

Partners Home Care, Inc. extends sincere appreciation to West Bridgewater for their support over the past years. It is through the contract with our local government/Board of Health and the generosity of area businesses, and our loyal townspeople that we can ensure the provisions of community health programs and medically necessary home services to those who need them.

Working together, we can successfully meet the health care needs of our community and enhance services offered to the residents of West Bridgewater.

Respectfully Submitted,

Doreen Zeller, RN
Community Health Nurse

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January 15, 2009

REPORT TO THE TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER

During the program year ending September 30, 2008 Self Help, Inc., received a total funding of approximately $22M and provided direct services to 32,989 limited income households in the area.

In the TOWN OF WEST BRIDGEWATER Self Help, Inc. provided services totaling $323,192 to 880 households during program year 2008.

Self Help's total funding of $22,163,958 does not tell the real value of services delivered to the area as a whole. This funding enabled us to mobilize an additional $2,806,153 of other community resources such as, volunteers, donations of space, and private donations in the form of goods and services. Therefore, the total impact of Self Help, Inc., during the past program year was $24,970,111.

In addition, Self Help currently employs 250 individuals. Many of these individuals are of limited income, and most reside in our service area.

We feel that October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008 was a successful program year for us because we were able to assist as many individuals and/or families as we did, regardless of the challenges of being a human service provider.

We thank the Town of West Bridgewater and its representative to our board, Ms. Theresa McNulty, and all the volunteers for helping us to make fiscal year 2008 a successful one.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Wang
Human Resource Director

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Brockton Sites: Energy Conservation (508) 580-4481 • Family & Parenting Center (508) 559-8821
Fuel Assistance (508) 588-5440 • Head Start 370 Howard St. (508) 587-1716
Lead Abatement (508) 584-4755 • MELD (508) 559-8704 • TTY (508) 587-6118

REPORT OF PLYMOUTH COUNTY MOSQUITO CONTROL PROJECT

The Commissioners of the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project are pleased to submit the following report of our activities during 2008.

The Project is a special district created by the State Legislature in 1957, and is now composed of all Plymouth County towns, the City of Brockton, and the Town of Cohasset in Norfolk County. The Project is a regional response to a regional problem, and provides a way of organizing specialized equipment, specially trained employees, and mosquito control professionals into a single agency with a broad geographical area of responsibility.

The 2008 season began dry with a low water table which increased into the summer season. Efforts were directed at larval mosquitoes starting with the spring brood. Ground and aerial larviciding was accomplished using B.t.i., an environmentally selective bacterial agent. Upon emergence of the spring brood of mosquitoes, ultra-low volume adulticiding began on May 27, 2008 and ended on September 26, 2008. The Project responded to 14,346 requests for service from residents.

In response to the continued threat of mosquito borne diseases in the district, we continued our surveillance trapping, aerial and ground larviciding, and adult spray in areas of concern to protect public health.

Eastern Equine Encephalitis was first isolated from *Culiseta melanura*, a bird biting species, by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health in Carver on August 14, 2008. Of the season's total of thirteen EEE isolates, two were from Plymouth County as follows: Carver -8/14, Halifax-9/14.

Based on guidelines defined by the "Vector Control Plan to Prevent EEE" in Massachusetts, one Plymouth County town, Lakeville, was elevated from "Low Level" to "Moderate Level" of EEE Risk" effective Oct 4, 2008. All other towns in Plymouth County Mosquito Project remained in the "Low Level Risk" category. We are pleased to report that in 2008 there were no human or horse EEE cases in Plymouth County.

West Nile Virus was also found within the district. A total of 6 birds tested positive for WNV in the following six towns: Halifax, Hingham, Scituate, Kingston, Whitman and Plymouth. Approximately fifteen birds were handled through this Project as a dead bird repository. A total of seven isolations of WNV in mosquitoes were found in the following towns: Abington - 7/29, Brockton - 8/12, Kingston – 9/5, Mattapoisett – 8/7 and Whitman – 8/26, 9/3. We are also pleased to report that in 2008 that there were no human or horse West Nile Virus cases in Plymouth County. As part of our West Nile Virus control strategy a total of 59,047 catch basins were treated with larvicide in all of our towns to prevent WNV.

The remaining problem of EEE and WNV continues to ensure cooperation between the Plymouth County Mosquito Control Project, local Boards of Health and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. In an effort to keep the public informed, EEE and WNV activity updates are regularly posted on Massachusetts Department of Public Health website at www.state.ma.us/dph/wnv/wnv1.htm.

The figures specific to the Town of West Bridgewater are given below. While mosquitoes do not respect town lines the information given below does provide a tally of the activities which have had the greatest impact on the health and comfort of West Bridgewater residents.

Insecticide Application. 787 acres were treated using truck mounted sprayers for control of adult mosquitoes. More than one application was made to the same site if mosquitoes reinvaded the area. The first treatments were made in May and the last in September.

During the summer 939 catch basins were treated to prevent the emergence of *Culex pipiens,* a known mosquito vector in West Nile Virus transmission.

Our greatest effort has been targeted at mosquitoes in the larval stage, which can be found in woodland pools, swamps, marshes and other standing water areas. Inspectors

continually gather data on these sites and treat with highly specific larvicides when immature mosquitoes are present. Last year a total of 159 inspections were made to catalogued breeding sites.

Water Management. During 2008 crews removed blockages, brush and other obstructions from 2,570 linear feet of ditches and streams to prevent overflows or stagnation that can result in mosquito breeding. This work, together with machine reclamation, is most often carried out in the fall and winter.

Machine Reclamation. 1,020 linear feet of upland ditch was reconstructed in Marshfield using both of the Project's track driven excavators.

Aerial Application. Larviciding woodland swamps by airplane before the leaves come out on the trees continues to be very effective. In West Bridgewater this year we aerially larvicided 1,040 acres.

Finally, we have been tracking response time, which is the time between notice of a mosquito problem and response by one of our inspectors. The complaint response time in the Town of West Bridgewater was less than two days with more than 189 complaints answered.

Mosquito Survey. A systematic sampling for the mosquitoes in West Bridgewater indicates that *Cq. perturbans* was the most abundant species. Other important species collected include *Ae. vexans* and *Cs. melanura.*

We encourage citizens or municipal officials to visit our website at www.plymouthmosquito.com or call our office for information about mosquitoes, mosquito-borne diseases, control practices, or any other matters of concern.

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Superintendent

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WEST BRIDGEWATER YOUTH ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

For over 55 years the West Bridgewater Youth Athletic Association (WBYAA) has made a positive difference in the lives of the many children who have participated in our programs. The WBYAA offers year round programs, including baseball, softball, t-ball, fall and spring soccer and basketball for ages 5 through 19 years of age. We have a total of forty dedicated board of directors who devote many hours of their personal time to the successful operation of this organization. We award scholarships annually to two deserving high school seniors based on their grades and number of years participating in the WBYAA.

Our fields have witnessed significant improvements in the past three years due to the combined efforts of local companies and a group of dedicated volunteers who genuinely care for the organization. We completed construction of the new *Snack Shack*, erected batting cages, repaired or replaced the dug out roofs, installed sprinkler systems in two fields and dug a well to provide the water for the irrigation systems and a shed to house the equipment. And you cannot miss the new shiny fence on the south field.

Improvements have also been made to provide the safest environment for the athletes and their families. A pull station directly connected to the West Bridgewater Fire Department was installed and a defibrillator is available at the complex.

We currently have other projects in the planning stages. We are looking into razing the old snack facility and using the site for storage and constructing a dumpster enclosure. The WBYAA has been very fortunate to be in a town with such great community support and generous corporate sponsors. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the residents of West Bridgewater for allowing us to move forward with our mission to provide sports instruction and a positive and safe playing environment for the children of our town.

Thank you and best regards,

Michael Hatziikolau
President

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Town Departments	Phone Numbers
Accountant	894-1201
Assessors	894-1212
Board of Health	894-1209
Building	894-1207
Conservation	894-4073
Council on Aging	894-1262
Fire	586-3232
Forestry	894-1217
High School	894-1220
Highway	894-1216
Housing Authority	588-2781
Howard School	894-1250
Library	894-1255
Police	586-2525
Pupil Personnel	894-1236
Rose L. MacDonald School	894-1240
Selectmen	894-1267
Superintendent of Schools	894-1230
Tax/Treasurer	894-1203
Town Clerk	894-1200
Vehicle Maintenance	894-1218
Veterans	894-1200
Water Department	894-1271

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